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PEAK TRAMS.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD TO-DAY.

DETAILED REVIEW.

A detailed review of activities was made at to-day's annual meeting of the Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. at the Hongkong Hotel.

Mr. Henry Humphreys presided. He was supported by Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. R. Mein Austin, and Mr. A. S. Gubbay (directors) and Messrs. G. Rapp and W. Morley (shareholders).

Addressing the meeting, the chairman (after the formal reference to accounts, etc.) said:—

Sir Paul's Death.

Gentlemen.—I should like to make some reference to the death of Sir Paul Chater who as you are aware had been on our Board for many years and died yesterday full of years and honour. I feel sure I express the feelings of shareholders as well as ourselves when I say that we deeply sympathise with Lady Chater and relatives in their bereavement. We desire to place on record our deep appreciation of the valuable services he rendered to this Company and sorrow at the loss of such a sterling character.

As you are aware, during practically the whole of the period under review, conditions have been very unsettled and the traffic receipts in consequence show a falling off of \$14,240.44. We regret therefore that on this occasion we are unable to recommend the distribution of any bonus.

Last year the Government assessed us on a different footing in respect of taxes. They now assess us on the basis of profits, practically quadrupling the taxes we paid formerly, which accounts for the large increase under the heading of Rates, Crown Rent and Fire Insurance.

Who Made Who?

As regards the Mount Cameron item viz: \$3,000 which still appears in the books, we shall, unless the Government is prepared to help us in the way of guaranteeing a dividend for a certain period of years, abandon the scheme of a new tram and write off the above amount. We have unhappy recollections of the early days of this Company. From 1889 to 1892 we paid no dividend and it was not until 1893 that we were able to pay a dividend of over 7%. There is a popular fallacy in Hongkong that the Peak made the Peak Tramway. The opposite is the case. The Peak Tramway has made the Peak and by so doing has put millions of dollars into the coffers of the Hongkong Government, a fact which the Government, on occasion, might bear in mind. There were very few houses and no hotels at the Peak when the line first opened.

We propose to write \$10,000 off Permanent Way. Since the formation of the Company this item has always been merged with Machinery and Plant. In future we propose to keep the two distinct to enable us to write down machinery and plant year by year as should be done. The appropriation above referred to, will, with previous appropriations, write off the value of the old machinery and plant from the Company's books in toto.

Recent Improvements.

During the past twelve months a considerable number of improvements have been carried out for the better accommodation and comfort of passengers, both at the upper and lower termini, amongst which I might mention additional and improved lavatory accommodation at both termini, a heated waiting room at the upper station, (which was apparently much appreciated during the last cold weather), and an enlarged waiting space with better seating arrangements at the lower terminus which, together with the widened exit, makes for greater ease in handling the traffic at rush hours and conduces to the comfort of both incoming and outgoing passengers.

In addition to all this a shelter over the steps at May Road station is in course of erection. The new electrical haulage machinery arrived at the end of March, and by doing a considerable amount of night work and by working through every week-end it was possible to have a partial trial yesterday the results of which were satisfactory. It will

give you some idea of the amount of work that has been done in the short space of two months; when I tell you that one small item of the work of installation was the laying of over one and a half miles of electric cable inside the engine house alone.

Plant Now Bigger.

Owing to the increased size of the plant, it has been necessary to utilise every foot of available space at the upper terminus including that which was formerly a repair shop. The lack of a suitable workshop on the site has considerably added to the difficulties and cost of installing the new machinery, inasmuch as even the smallest piece of work which has entailed the use of a lathe or other machine has had to be sent away to be done by an outside firm.

In November last we entered into negotiations with the Government for the lease of a small piece of cleared land in the vicinity of the upper terminus, which would have suited us admirably for this purpose. Hoping that we should have it to assist us with the installing of the new machinery, but after six months of correspondence we have been informed that this land is required for other purposes and we have been offered another piece of uncleared land a little further away and not nearly as suitable.

One very considerable saving which will be effected with the new plant is that of water. The cost of which with the old plant amounted to nearly \$400 per quarter. This will be entirely wiped out.

Many Advantages.

Although the new machinery is considerably more complicated, it has many advantages not possessed by the old plant.

It is absolutely clean and much less noisy, and it is fitted with safety devices to take care of almost every possible contingency. Also one very great advantage is that when the machinery is at rest it is costing nothing. With the old plant steam had to be kept up all the time even when the cars were not running.

Every part of the new plant is duplicated except the actual winding drums. There are two separate and distinct cables from the Electric Supply Co. which are interchangeable in a few seconds, so that the possibility of delay to the service due to a breakdown in the engine house is reduced to a minimum.

The new cars are nearing completion, and we hope to put these into service within the next two months.

Considerable work has been entailed by the substitution of these larger cars, such as the widening of the cuttings, the removal of a large number of the side signal posts to positions farther from the track, the entire rebuilding of the spare car shed, and the relaying of the siding leading into it. A large amount of this work has been carried out by the Company's own staff.

More Seating Room.

Perhaps a few words on the improvements incorporated in the new cars would not be out of place at this juncture. The seating capacity has been increased from 42 passengers to 55 i.e., 18 third class and 37 first class, as against 5 third, 5 second, and 32 first class in the old cars. The whole of the first class portion will be in one enclosed compartment, having a central aisle with entrances and exits at either end.

Conveniently placed near each seat will be four bell-pushes marked respectively with the names of the intermediate stations. Passengers will merely have to press the appropriate push on entering, to insure the car stopping at the desired station.

In addition to this we have designed a re-arrangement of the brake gear which will allow of the brakes and signal gear being operated from either end of the car, so that the brakeman will always be stationed at the front of the car and will therefore have an unobstructed view of the track and stations, irrespective of the direction of the car. By this arrangement we hope to obviate a defect which has sometimes in the past, been a source of annoyance to passengers who have been left on intermediate stations after they have signalled for the car to stop, although while I am on this subject, I should like to point out

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/2 15/16.

HUNG BY THUMBS.

AMERICANS TORTURED BY BANDITS.

HELD FOR RANSOM.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Mexico City, May 27.

That he is ill as the result of torture inflicted by bandits, who hung him up by the thumbs, is announced in a letter to the American Consul at Torreon from a Laredo (Texas) mine owner named Braden who, with two other Americans—Gallagher, an engineer, and Shanklin, a planter—was taken prisoner by Mexican bandits in Durango State. Braden adds that he was held for ransom for 6,000 pesos.

NO LECTURES.

AMUNDSEN AND NOBLE TO WRITE A BOOK.

(Reuter's Service.)

Nome, (Alaska) May 27.

Amundsen and Noble have declined invitations to lecture in the United States. They will proceed across America from Seattle and on to Oslo where they will write a book on their Polar experiences.

that in many of these cases it is due to passengers not giving sufficient warning for the car to stop. To avoid damage to the plant and rope it has been necessary to instruct the engine drivers that, except in cases of real emergency, they are not to stop the cars with undue haste, and that if the signal bell rings too late for them to stop in the ordinary way they are to ignore it.

After 38 years.

One-half of the old plant, which by the way, has been running for 38 years, was demolished over two months ago and sold as scrap to make room for part of the new machinery and since then we have been entirely dependent on one engine and boiler, which have, during this time, required constant attention and repairing, all of which has had to be done during the night hours when the trams were not running.

It is imperative that we change over to the new machinery at the earliest possible moment to avoid having to suspend the service. The superintendent informs me that he does not expect the change over will cause any interruption of the traffic.

Our Articles of Association require revising and bringing up-to-date but this matter will be dealt with at an extraordinary general meeting which will be subsequently convened.

The auditors have asked for increased remuneration viz. from \$150 to \$250 per annum each. We think this is reasonable in view of the fees paid by other companies for similar work and we have granted the increase subject to your confirmation.

I have no further remarks to make. Gentlemen, but after the accounts have been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability. I now propose that the report and statement of accounts as presented be passed.

That Bit of Land.

About the piece of land which the Company applied for but did not get, Mr. W. Morley asked where it was and what it would now be used for.

Mr. Humphreys said that it was at the junction of Lugard and Peak Roads. As far as his knowledge went, a garage for H.E. the Governor would be built upon it. Mr. Morley seconded the chairman's motion and this was carried unanimously.

Other Business.

Other business passed by the meeting comprised:—

Re-election of Mr. J. Scott Harston the Hon. A. O. Larig, Mr. R. Mein Austin and Mr. A. S. Gubbay as directors—proposed by the chairman, seconded by Mr. Rapp.

Re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Linstead & Davis, as auditors for the current year at \$250 each—proposed by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. Rapp.

Dividend warrants are now ready.

CANTON REDS.

NEWS ON NORTHERN FRONTIER DISQUIETING.

GEN. CHANG'S STRAIGHT TALK.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, May 26.

The official heads of two more pronounced Communists now in the Kuomintang government here are due to fall this week.

Tam Ping-shan, head of the Organisation Department of the Nationalist Government, will "resign" from office, and so will Mo Chuk-tong, an ardent Communist, who has held the place of acting head of the Propaganda Department. The latter place is considered particularly important, and one in which an active Communist can no longer be tolerated.

Student Affairs.

Even in student affairs there is being felt the new stand against Communism of the Central Executive Committee and of General Chang Kai-shek. The Students Unions in Canton and in Kwangtung have been divided of late into three factions, Kuomintang, Communist and a third wing which is more vehemently anti-Communist than it is pro-Kuomintang. At all recent meetings there have been violent disputes, and at times even riots, such as the one of May 4 in which a student of Kwangtung University lost his life.

In order to settle the difficulties of the Students Unions the Kuomintang appointed a committee of which Dr. C. C. Wu is chairman. A long meeting was held to-day, after which the following three resolutions were passed:—

(1) The two Canton city Student Unions shall be dissolved.

(2) The two Provincial Student Unions shall also be dissolved.

(3) New Student Unions shall be organised in Canton and in Kwangtung, which shall be organised under the supervision of and financed by the Kuomintang.

Though the resolutions make no mention of this feature, it is generally understood that the ardent Communists and trouble makers will not be eligible to membership in either of the new organisations.

Fall of Kweilin Predicted.

Military news from the northern and Kwangsi frontiers is becoming more and more disquieting. Reports received to-day from Wuchow have it that the Wu Pei-fu forces have crossed the borders of Kwangsi and are nearing Kweilin, which is in no condition to withstand an attack. The fall of Kweilin is important strategically, but not politically, since the capital is now at Nanning.

General Li Chung-yan, commander of the 7th Army, which is in Kwangsi, has been in Canton for two weeks discussing military affairs, provisioning and munitioning with the Kuomintang officials, but will leave hurriedly to-morrow for Kwangsi. It is admitted that his departure is due to the fact that his troops, numbering about 10,000, have been losing ground at the front.

An unconfirmed report from the north has it that the Hunanese have driven back the 4th, 1st and a portion of the 6th Armies to the south of Kwangtung's border, and that the next stand will be made at Shiu-kwan, the end of the railroad. If this is true it will mean that Wu Pei-fu's forces are only about 200 miles from Canton.

General Chang's Famous Resolutions.

General Chang Kai-shek has made a long and detailed statement to the Kuomintang of Canton concerning his now famous "resolutions" against the Communists. In the main, and on the face of it, his statement seems conciliatory, but the iron hand in the velvet glove can be detected in the following quotations:—

"As the Communist party has already joined our party, there should be no special regulations to restrict them, and we should look upon them as we do upon ourselves. The reason why we have such regulations is that we hope comrades of our Party and of the Communist Party will unite with each other to devote themselves to the national revolution."

But it is very unfortunate for our party to have such regula-

INTERPORT CRICKET.

MALAYAN RECORD OVER 36 YEARS.

PAST RESULTS.

The following interesting record of Interport Cricket is taken from the "Singapore Free Press."

Thirty-six years have passed since a team of Malayan cricketers, first visited Hongkong, to be dismissed for 54 and 79 and defeated by an innings and 140 runs. A second match was played in 1890 and, while the visitors did rather better, they were again comfortably beaten. Prior to this Hongkong and Shanghai had played each other on four occasions since 1866 and Shanghai had won three of the matches. Since their first visit to Hongkong Malaya has figured in thirteen matches in the triangular series against Hongkong and Shanghai; the results of all the games that have taken place between the three sides since Malaya first participated in the interport series, being given below.

1890: Hongkong 280 beat Malaya 54 and 79. Hongkong 127 and 78 for 3 beat Malaya 87 and 113.

1891: Hongkong 268 and 72 for 4 versus Shanghai 180 and 300 for 8, drawn. Malaya 98 and 188 beat Hongkong 40 and 75.

1892: Hongkong 429 beat Shanghai 163 and 134. Shanghai 112 and 202 beat Hongkong 78 and 79.

1897: Hongkong 192 and 201 for 9 beat Shanghai 173 and 189. Malaya 413 beat Hongkong 216 and 118. Malaya 138 beat Shanghai 76 and 51.

1898: Hongkong 179 and 126 beat Shanghai 203 and 74.

1901: Shanghai 239 and 163 for 8 beat Hongkong 230 and 157. Hongkong 192 and 296 beat Malaya 253 and 106. Shanghai 227 and 110 for 9 beat Malaya 105 and 231.

1903: Hongkong 336 beat Shanghai 122 and 191.

1904: Hongkong 274 and 109 for 6 beat Shanghai 229 and 151. Malaya 128 and 232 for 6 beat Hongkong 155 and 110. Malaya 93 and 190 beat Shanghai 118 and 112.

1906: Shanghai 130 and 121 beat Hongkong 46 and 66.

1907: Hongkong 231 and 137 for 6 beat Shanghai 212 and 185.

1908: Shanghai 228 and 10 for 0 beat Hongkong 74 and 163.

1909: Shanghai 294 and 166 beat Hongkong 208 and 215. Hongkong 455 for 9 beat Shanghai 163 and 78. Hongkong 211 and 70 beat Malaya 179 and 100. Malaya 250 and 150 for 6 beat Hongkong 239 and 150.

1911: Shanghai 175 beat Hongkong 56 and 93.

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FEATURES TO-MORROW.

In to-morrow's edition (page 9) will be a sports cartoon by Mr. Stan Hill. Government soccerers are depicted, waging an inter-departmental struggle, replete with bullock-dust-carts, steam-rollers, road excavations, etc.

The weekly local pictures will be printed to-morrow, on page 10.

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HARBOUR OFFICE.

HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT FOR 1925.

SOME INTERESTING FIGURES.

The following items of interest are extracted from the Harbour Master's report for 1925:

Shipping.

The total shipping entering and clearing at ports in the Colony during the year 1925 amounted to 379,177 vessels of 41,469,684 tons, which compared with the figures of 1924 show a decrease of 384,315 vessels and a decrease of 15,261,493 tons.

Of the above 41,336 vessels of 32,179,053 tons were engaged in foreign trade as compared with 57,766 vessels of 38,779,499 tons in 1924.

There is a decrease in British ocean-going shipping of 1,381 ships or 26.1 per cent. and a decrease of 1,977,932 tons or 16.1 per cent. This decrease in ships and tonnage is due to the recent strike and the present boycott in South China.

Foreign ocean-going vessels have decreased by 1,911 ships and by 2,243,124 tons or 22.3 per cent. in numbers and 13.1 per cent. in tonnage. This decrease in ships and tonnage is due to the recent strike and the present boycott in South China.

British river steamers have decreased by 3,062 ships with a decrease in tonnage of 1,069,546 tons or 43.0 per cent. in numbers and 16.3 per cent. in tonnage. This decrease in ships and tonnage is due to the recent strike and the present boycott in South China.

Foreign river steamers show a decrease of 1,652 ships with a decrease in tonnage of 387,459 tons or 45.4 per cent. in numbers and 46.1 per cent. in tonnage. This decrease in ships and tonnage is due to the recent strike and the present boycott in South China.

In steamships not exceeding 60 tons employed in foreign trade there is a decrease of 2,445 ships with a decrease in tonnage of 66,336 tons or 31.2 per cent. in numbers and 28.7 per cent. in tonnage. This decrease in launches and tonnage is due to the recent strike and the present boycott in South China.

Junks in foreign trade show a decrease of 6,578 vessels, and a decrease of 847,039 tons or 23.9 per cent. in numbers and 25.5 per cent. in tonnage. This decrease is due to the recent strike and the present boycott in South China.

In local trade (i.e. between places within the waters of the Colony) there is a decrease in steam-launches of 367,826 and a decrease in tonnage of 8,571,867 tons or 54.2 per cent. in numbers and 51.5 per cent. in tonnage. This decrease in numbers and tonnage is due to the recent strike and the present boycott in South China.

Of vessels of European construction 4,776 ocean steamers, 3,085 river steamers and 2,635 steamships not exceeding 60 tons entered during the year, giving a daily average of 28.9 ships as compared with 41.2 ships in 1924 and 34.7 ships in 1923.

The average tonnage of individual ocean vessels entering the port has increased from 2,129.8 to 2,472.9 tons. British ships from 2,234.3 to 2,529.4 tons, foreign ships from 2,057.6 to 2,434.2 tons.

The average tonnage of individual river steamers entering during the year has remained the same at 659.8 tons. British River Steamers have increased from 891.5 to 848.4 tons and Foreign River Steamers have decreased from 340.3 to 332.9 tons.

The actual number of individual ocean-going vessels of European construction during the year 1925 was 1,015 of which 371 were British and 644 foreign. In 1924 the corresponding figures were 1,123, 416 British and 707 foreign. These 1,015 ships measured 3,171,253 tons. They entered 4,776 times and gave a collective tonnage of 11,810,938 tons. Thus 108 less ships entered, 1,708 less tonnage and gave a collective tonnage less by 1,999,086 tons, an average of 1,170.4 tons per entry.

Tonnage.

In 1924 there were 6,484 steamers with a tonnage of 13,800,374. In 1925 there were 4,776 steamers with a tonnage of 11,810,938 showing a decrease of 1,708 steamers and a tonnage of 1,999,086. The number of river steamers in 1924 were 4,716 with a tonnage of 3,632,498 and in 1925 there were 3,085 with a tonnage of 2,947,843, showing a decrease of 1,631 river steamers and a tonnage of 684,655. The total number of steamers and river steamers for 1924 were 11,199 with a tonnage of 17,442,412 and in 1925, 7,861 with a tonnage of 14,758,786 showing a decrease of 3,338 vessels and a tonnage of 2,683,626.

Revenue and Expenditure.

The total revenue during the year was \$878,118.83 as against \$997,530.74 collected in the previous year - showing a decrease of \$119,411.91 or 13.6 per cent.

The principal individual increases are:

Boat Licences \$ 976.45
Official signature 1,084.00
Registry fees 3,305.13
Miscellaneous receipts:—

Condemned stores, etc. 1,337.00

The principal individual decreases are:

Light dues \$23,575.37

Light dues special assessments 27,809.10

Junk Licences 6,540.75

Engagement and discharge of seamen 2,238.80

Fees for use of Government buoys 11,474.22

Sunday cargo working permits 43,525.00

Survey of steamships 9,746.84

The expenditure, excluding special expenditure was \$451,395.06 as against \$318,412.04 expended in the previous year showing an increase of \$132,983.02. This increase is principally due to additional staff and stipulated increments and coal, oil fuel and repairs and stores for launches taken over from Police Department.

Special expenditure included:—

Typhoon moorings \$ 54,280.00

Relief buoy for S/L "Victoria" 500.00

Motor launch for Government shipway 7,000.00

3 instalments out of a total sum of \$275,000 for construction of a rescue tug 164,250.00

Wireless telegraph and telephone set for rescue tug 7,158.15

Wireless telegraph and telephone set for harbour office 3,851.25

Upkeep of armed patrol launches for prevention of piracy 142,872.66

Kelvinators for Gap Rock and Waglan 1,125.00

Lighthouses \$381,737.06

Steam-launches.

On December 31, 1925, there were 470 steam-launches (including licensed motor boats) employed in the harbour. Of these 412 were licensed for the conveyance of passengers, etc.; 58 were the property of the Colonial Government, including 8 motor boats and 3 belonged to the Imperial Government, comprising 2 steam-launches and 1 motor boat and 20 Naval (including 1 motor boat) boats privately owned for pleasure and private purposes.

176 steam launches and motor boats licences were issued.

933 engagements and 920 discharges of masters and engineers were recorded during the year.

Emigration and Immigration.

140,834 emigrants left Hongkong for various places during the year 1925 (125,859 in 1924). Of these 35,586 were carried in British ships and 54,948 in foreign ships.

31,622 returning emigrants were reported to have been brought to Hongkong from the several places to which they had emigrated either from this Colony or from coast ports, as against 130,194 in 1924.

Of these, 51,760 arrived in British ships and 39,382 in foreign ships.

Registry, etc., of Shipping.

18. During the year, 24 ships were registered under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts, and 25 certificates of registry cancelled. 300 documents, etc., were dealt with in connection with the Act, the fees on which amounted to \$6,679.13 as compared with \$3,374.00 in 1924.

Marine Magistrate's Court.

308 cases were heard in the Marine Magistrate's Court (393 in 1924).—Moorings within 100 yards from low water mark during prohibited hours without permit, dredging within the Harbour limits without permit, falling to observe

the Rule of the Road, falling to carry the regulation lights whilst under way at night, dumping rubbish into the harbour without permit, having dangerous goods on board at a place other than a dangerous goods anchorage, boarding ships without permission, and carrying passengers in excess were the principal offences.

Marine Court.

During the year 1925 eight courts were held, viz:—

On the 17th day of March, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances of the stranding of the British Steamship "Foo Shing" Official No. 118,365 of Hongkong. Mr. John McAlmish, certificate of competency as Master No. 035,101 of Greenock, was Master.

On the 24th day of April, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances of misconduct on the part of Mr. James Wright Whyte, Second Engineer of the British Steamship "Halvard".

On the 29th day of April, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances of misconduct on the part of Mr. W. H. Watson, Chief Officer of the British Steamship "Hydrangon".

On the 2nd day of June, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances of misconduct on the part of Mr. W. O. Nicoll, 4th Engineer of the British Steamship "Talkoo Wan Xi".

On the 16th day of June, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances of the collision between the British Steamship, "Fatsan" and the British Steamship "Hang Cheong".

On the 18th day of September, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances of misconduct on the part of Mr. Percy Roger Harris, Second Mate of the British Steamship "Phuempen".

On the 9th day of October, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances of the collision between the British Steamship "Tathylus" and Fishing Boat No. 1605.

On the 16th day of October, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances attending the reported loss of the British Steamship "Yue Ying Wa", Official No. 151,413 of Hongkong.

Examination of Masters, Mates, and Engineers.

Out of 75 candidates 48 passed for Master. There were two passes and two failures for Master river steamers. For First Mate there were twenty passes and ten failures. For Second Mate two passes and one failure. For Mate river steamers there were three passes and two failures. There were 48 candidates for First Class Engineer, 26 passed and 22 failed. For Second Class Engineer 17 passed and 34 failed.

Examination of Pilots.

22 licences were renewed during the year and 1 Candidate presented himself for Examinations and passed.

Sunday Cargo-Working.

606 permits were issued during the year as compared with 934 in 1924. The Revenue collected under this head amounted to \$119,590 as against \$163,025 in 1924 showing a decrease of \$43,525.

Lighthouses and Signal Stations.

Gap Rock Lighthouse. During 1925 a total number of 4,632 vessels were signalled and reported including 315 by flash lamp. 2,618 messages, including meteorological observations for the Royal Observatory, were sent by telegraph, and 87 by wireless; 134 messages were received by telegraph and 169 by wireless including weather reports. Telegraphic communication was interrupted for 37 hours. There were 76 hours and 25 minutes of fog, and fog signals were fired 473 times. The fortnightly reliefs were delayed 3 times owing to bad weather.

Waglan Lighthouse. During 1925, 3,335 vessels were signalled and reported including 819 by flash lamp. 3,395 messages including meteorological observations for the Royal Observatory were sent and 946 were received and 167 messages were sent by wireless and 149 received. Telegraphic communication was interrupted for 6 hours 33 minutes. There were 485 hours 25 minutes fog and fog signals were fired 6,079 times. The Diaphone fog signal was sounded for 343 hours 29 minutes for fog, and 33 hours 34 minutes for testing purposes. On no occasion was the relief delayed.

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Signal Stations. At the Peak Signal Station 2,203 vessels were signalled and reported. The gun signal denoting the arrival of Mail Steamers was fired 69 times. At the Signal Hill Station, Kowloon, 3,727 vessels were signalled and reported as entering and 4,421 as leaving the harbour. 93 Typhoon and non-local signals and 1 gale signal were reported.

Harbour Moorings.

Revenue and Expenditure. The gross revenue for the year, including

the Rule of the Road, falling to carry the regulation lights whilst under way at night, dumping rubbish into the harbour without permit, having dangerous goods on board at a place other than a dangerous goods anchorage, boarding ships without permission, and carrying passengers in excess were the principal offences.

Marine Court.

During the year 1925 eight courts were held, viz:—

On the 17th day of March, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances of the stranding of the British Steamship "Foo Shing" Official No. 118,365 of Hongkong. Mr. John McAlmish, certificate of competency as Master No. 035,101 of Greenock, was Master.

On the 24th day of April, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances of misconduct on the part of Mr. James Wright Whyte, Second Engineer of the British Steamship "Halvard".

On the 29th day of April, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances of misconduct on the part of Mr. W. H. Watson, Chief Officer of the British Steamship "Hydrangon".

On the 2nd day of June, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances of misconduct on the part of Mr. W. O. Nicoll, 4th Engineer of the British Steamship "Talkoo Wan Xi".

On the 16th day of June, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances of the collision between the British Steamship, "Fatsan" and the British Steamship "Hang Cheong".

On the 18th day of September, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances of misconduct on the part of Mr. Percy Roger Harris, Second Mate of the British Steamship "Phuempen".

On the 9th day of October, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances of the collision between the British Steamship "Tathylus" and Fishing Boat No. 1605.

On the 16th day of October, 1925, to enquire into the circumstances attending the reported loss of the British Steamship "Yue Ying Wa", Official No. 151,413 of Hongkong.

Examination of Masters, Mates, and Engineers.

Out of 75 candidates 48 passed for Master. There were two passes and two failures for Master river steamers. For First Mate there were twenty passes and ten failures. For Second Mate two passes and one failure. For Mate river steamers there were three passes and two failures. There were 48 candidates for First Class Engineer, 26 passed and 22 failed. For Second Class Engineer 17 passed and 34 failed.

Examination of Pilots.

22 licences were renewed during the year and 1 Candidate presented himself for Examinations and passed.

Sunday Cargo-Working.

606 permits were issued during the year as compared with 934 in 1924. The Revenue collected under this head amounted to \$119,590 as against \$163,025 in 1924 showing a decrease of \$43,525.

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VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

The following Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders issued by Major R. Malville-Smith, M.B.E., Administrative Commandant dated Friday, May 28, state:—

1. Armoured Car Company: Field day, Sunday, May 30, 1926, Parade at Corps Headquarters, 8.30 a.m. C. S. M. Hancock, Sergeant Groves, 6 other ranks and Ford Truck 9.15 a.m. Remainder of Company with Armoured Car and transport. Operations will cease about 12.30 p.m. when time will be taken and bathing will be possible at Big Wave Bay. Members must make their own arrangements regarding lunch but the canteen will be in attendance.

Dress: Uniform, helmets, shorts or breeches, belts, haversacks and waterbottles. Rifles will not be carried.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Monday, May 31, 1926 at 5.30 p.m. Gun Instruction Class under C. S. M. Hancock.

2. Mounted Infantry and Infantry Companies: Musketry Part I will be fired at the Peak Range on Sunday, May 30, 1926, commencing 9 a.m. sharp by all those who have not yet fired to attend.

Range Officer: 2nd Lt. H. C. Macnamara.

All those living on the Peak to be on the Peak Range at 9 a.m., and others to catch a train not later than the 9 a.m. tram to Peak.

Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles, bayonets, belts and pouches must be taken.

Arms: Will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, May 28, between 9 a.m. and noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., or on Saturday, May 29, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3. Reserve Company: Musketry Part I will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, May 30, 1926 by all those who have not yet fired to attend.

Range Officer: 2nd Lt. G. K. Hall-Brutton.

Launch leaves Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m. sharp.

Dress and Arms as detailed in para. 2.

4. Casuals: Musketry Part I will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sundays, June 6 and 13, 1926 by all members of the Corps who have not yet completed Part I to attend.

Range Officers: June 6, Lieut. R. L. Moncrieff; June 13 Capt. D. Logan, M.C.

Launch leaves Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m. sharp.

Dress and Arms will be detailed later.

5. Strength. The following are taken on the strength of the Corps and posted as under:—

No. 1051 Drummer G. Duncan Pipe Band, dated April 25, 1926.

No. 1052 Pte. E. G. Sewell, No. 2 Platoon and No. 7 Section, dated May 21, 1926.

No. 1053 Pte. H. A. Gregory, No. 1 Platoon, dated May 26, 1926.

6. Appointment: No. 650 Pte. J. C. Long, No. 2 Platoon is appointed Lance-Corporal, as from May 26, 1926.

7. Leave: The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

No. 893 Gr. A. S. Hersee, Artillery Company from June 11, 1926 to April 10, 1927.

No. 695 Pte. G. W. Sellers, No. 7 Platoon from May 28, 1926 to June 27, 1926.

8. Resignation: No. 907 Pte. T. Manns, No. 4 Platoon is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from May 19, 1926.

G. E. SWINTON, Captain Adjutant, H. V. D. Corps.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. L. s.s. "Bengloe" from Leith, Middlebro', Antwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here today.

The B. L. s.s. "Tanda" left Moll for this port on May 25 at p.m. and is due here on May 30 at about a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Jeypore" left Singapore for this port on May 25 at 2 p.m. and is due here on May 31 at about noon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Yokohama on May 22 and is due at Vancouver on May 31.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Yokohama yesterday at 7.30 a.m. left Yokohama yesterday at 6 p.m. and is due at Hongkong on June 2.

Ing \$1,000 from Private Buys, was \$30,800 and the expenditure for upkeep was \$24,594. The expenditure in completing the Special Typhoon Moorings and the provision of 4 new A-Class Buys was \$7,700.00 during 1925 and \$119,590.73 during 1926. The total cost of 10 Complete sets typhoon Moorings being \$129,363.97.

Private Buys. Permission was granted to various industrial companies to maintain private buoys and moorings to the number of 24 and the total revenue derived from that source was \$1,000.

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NOTICES.

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By Order of the Board,

WALTER J. HAWKER, Manager.

Hongkong, May 1, 1926.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 28th May, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st April, 1926.

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LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP—Via Singapore, Colombo, Suez and Port Said.
 ANDES MARU Saturday, 5th June.
 RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.
 SANTOS MARU Wednesday, 16th June.
 BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
 TACOMA MARU Saturday, 19th June.
 CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
 SANUKI MARU Thursday, 27th May.
 BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
 SEKKOW MARU Wednesday, 2nd June.
 VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
 AFRICA MARU (from Shanghai) Tuesday, 8th June.
 DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.
 PANAMA MARU Wednesday, 23rd June.
 NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
 JAPAN PORTS
 INDO MARU Sunday, 6th June.
 KEELUNG-SWATOW & AMOY.
 KALIO MARU Sunday, 30th May Noon.
 HOZAN MARU Sunday, 6th June, Noon.
 TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.
 KOTSU MARU Wednesday, 2nd June 10 a.m.
 SOURABAYA MARU Monday, 21st June.
 DAIREN via CHEFOO and TSINGTAU.
 NITTO MARU Beginning of June.
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FIRE IN A MINE.

NARROW ESCAPE OF EIGHTY MEN.

FIGHT AGAINST SMOKE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Scranton, (Pennsylvania), May 27.

About 80 miners are believed to be trapped behind a fire which has broken out in the Mount Look-out coal mine. Five miners managed to fight their way through the smoke and reach the surface suffering from the effects of the smoke inhaled.

All Rescued.

Scranton, Later.
 All the imprisoned miners reached the air chamber, where they waited until they were rescued.

SWEDISH ROYALTIES.

ROUSING WELCOME IN NEW YORK.

ESCORT OF TROOPS.

(Reuter's Service.)

New York, May 27.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden arrived to-day amid screaming whistles from the vessels in the harbour. They were met by the Swedish Minister and a number of distinguished Americans, and escorted up Broadway by 600 picked American troops to the City Hall, where the Mayor formally welcomed them.

Later the Crown Prince and Princess left for Washington by special train and will stay at the Swedish Legation.

BATH IN CHAMPAGNE

THEATRICAL PRODUCER'S GAY PARTY.

CONVICTED OF PERJURY.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, May 27.

Earl Carroll, a theatrical producer, was found guilty of perjury for swearing before the Grand Jury that no intoxicants were served at his party, at which chorus girls, who alleged there was a bath in a tub of champagne, figured prominently.

Sentence Deferred.

New York, Later.
 Earl Carroll was released on \$5,000 bail, sentence being deferred for a week.

11,000 MILES.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEN CONGRATULATED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cairo, May 27.

The Royal Air Force aviators, on their way home after completing a 11,000 miles flight, landed at Heliopolis.
 General Haking and Air Vice-Marshal Swann congratulated Lieuts. Pulford and Lloyd. After an overhaul the machines will continue on their flight to England.

COCHIN-CHINA.

DEPUTY'S QUESTIONS POSTPONED BY CHAMBER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, May 27.

The Chamber of Deputies, by 325 votes to 194, postponed an interpellation by M. Outrey, Democratic Left Deputy for Cochinchina, on the Government's colonial policy in Cochinchina.

INDIAN OVERBOARD.

A casualty occurred during the passage of the B. I. boat "Shirala" through the Sulphur Channel on her way to Singapore yesterday. An Indian passenger was seen to fall overboard and disappeared. It is believed that the man was drowned, but so far there has been no trace of the body.
 The s.s. "Seang Bee" on her arrival from Amoy reported the death of a Chinese fireman while on the voyage.

MARINE OFFENCES.

The mistress of a cargo boat and a boatmaster were each fined \$15 at the Marine Court this morning for failing to carry regulation lights while under way.
 The master of a passenger boat was fined \$10 for using his vessel to carry cargo.

CITY BURGLARY.

The office of Messrs. Odell and Behar, at Asiatic Building, had a visit from burglars between the time of closing on Wednesday and yesterday.
 Entrance being gained through the skylight, two typewriters valued at \$100 were stolen.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

TAKAO.

June 1.—O.S.K. Kotan Maru
 2.—O.S.K. Sourabaya Maru
 3.—O.S.K. Kaito Maru
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SWATOW.

May 30.—O.S.K. Kaito Maru
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FOOCHOW.

May 31.—D.L. Halobios
 June 1.—D.L. Halobios
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LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:—

Klungchow, Br., from Bangkok; E. & S.
 Mantua, Br., from London, Singapore; M. M. & Co.
 Hahong, Br., from Foochow, Amoy; Douglas.
 Bengloe, Br., from London, Singapore; G. L. & Co.
 Kwai Sang, Br., from Bangkok; Kchang; J. M. & Co.
 Seang Bee, from Rangoon, Amoy; Tuen Kee.
 President Lincoln, Am., from San Francisco, Shanghai; Dollar Line.

Kaito Maru, Jap., from Keelung, Swatow; O. S. K.
 Cheribon Maru, Jap., from Kobe, Karatsu; Nanyo Y. K.
 Taisema, from Kwong-chow-wan; Wing Yik.
 Sui Yik, Ch., from Sha U Chung; Fook Hoi.
 Tak Hing, Ch., from Tamtau; Fook Hoi.

DEPARTURES.

For Tarakan: Conus.
 For Hongkong: Philadelphia.
 For Singapore: Van Overstraten, Sanuki Maru, Shirala.
 For Shanghai: Liangchow, Mantua.

For Bangkok: Kalgan.
 For Hanoi: Tak Hing.
 For Haiphong: Song Bo, Devawongse.

For Amoy: Kwangchow.
 For Manila: West Sequana.
 For Sha U Chung: Sui Yik.
 For San Francisco: Elkrldge.
 For Kwong-chow-wan: Jade.

CLEARANCES.

For Saigon: Pheumphen.
 For Haiphong: Mingsang.
 For Shanghai: Empress of Russia.
 For Chefoo: Yeiun Maru.
 For Kwong-chow-wan: Hanoi.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Bengloe" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after June 4 will be subject to rent.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th June, 1926 will be subject to rent. All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underigned on or before the 18th June, 1926 or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th June, 1926 at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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"DELTA"	11,088	29th July	Shanghai only
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"MALWA"	10,941	13th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	5,338	15th Sept.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
"RANPURA"	5,907	16th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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LEGISLATIVE FINANCE MINUTES.

YESTERDAY'S ITEMS.

Minutes approved yesterday by the finance committee of the Legislative Council included:—

Conveyance and motor allowance \$83.47.—For new school medical officer and certain additional nursing sisters.

Motor car hire \$443.27.—Owing to lack of accommodation at the Government Civil Hospital some Nursing Sisters were given quarters at the Victoria Hospital. Motor transport had to be provided for them.

Rent of premises for dispensaries and dressing station \$115.

Board for House Physician and House Surgeon \$192.—Due to the creation of a new post for a House Obstetrician.

Fuel and light \$421.95.
Incidental expenses \$1,080.86.
Personal emoluments \$763.36.
Apparatus and chemicals \$143.54.
Anti-rabic work \$144.53.
Personal emoluments, Government laboratory \$4,187.69.

Conveyance allowance, Government laboratory \$496.06.—Payment of motor allowance to the Analyst because use of a car was of definite service in connection with water supply examination.

Launch hire \$720.

One assistant bacteriologist, salary \$4,200.—for more frequent bacteriological examinations of water supply, to cover salary for six months in the current year, for qualified assistant.

Notification of mails \$40.
Rent of branch office \$150.
District Officer North, incidental expenses \$94.

Imports and Exports Department, purchase of fireclay section for charcoal stoves \$1,600 for boiling opium.

Office of Crown Solicitor, contribution to cost of a criminal prosecution \$4,000.—Owing to pressure of work on the Law officers the prosecution in Wing On Bank case was, with the consent of Government, undertaken by private legal practitioners, Government agreeing to contribute \$4,000 towards the costs.

Crown Solicitor and Land Registration, personal emoluments \$1,250.—owing to increase of work.

Special expenditure, purchase of projector and slides for hygienic teaching \$230. Purchase of four weighing machines \$380.—for use in schools.

Public Works Recurrent, Queen's Gardens Flats \$10,000.

Public Works Extraordinary, installation of telegraph line between Radio-Telegraph office and Naval Yard signal station \$350.

Public Works Extraordinary, erection of matched stables for the M. I. Co. of the H.K.V.D.C. \$2,640.—The stables are for the Mounted Infantry Co. H.K.V.D.C., and provide accommodation for 40 ponies, 13 Indian grooms and the necessary stores.

Miscellaneous Services, printing and binding Civil Service list, \$115.

Fire Brigade, special expenditure, balance of cost of "Bayley" fire escape, \$258.

Special expenditure, one motor refuse lorry, \$1,000.
Bath house and light, \$100.
Bonuses for vaccination of children and registration of births, \$800.

H.E. the Governor, incidental expenses, \$2,000.

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Tientsin	CHIPSANG	Sun., 30th May, at 7 a.m.
Hongkong	KWANGSANG	Tues., 1st June, at 9 a.m.
Tsingtau via Shanghai	YATSIANG	Wed., 2nd June, at Noon.
Straits and Calcutta	KUMSANG	Thurs., 3rd June, at 8 p.m.
Tsingtau via Shanghai	FOOKSANG	Wed., 9th June, at Noon.
Straits and Calcutta	FOOKSANG	Fri., 11th June, at 8 p.m.
Osaka via S'hai, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Sat., 12th June, at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Mon., 14th June, at 2 p.m.
Tsingtau via Shanghai	KWONGSANG	Wed., 16th June, at Noon.

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ARRIVALS.

List of passengers arrived by the s.s. "President Lincoln" from San Francisco via Honolulu, on May 1:—

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For Manila: Mr. M. H. Barredo, Mr. F. Barredo, Miss M. H. Bewley, Mr. J. N. Cobangbang, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Cooper, Master D. C. Cooper, Master H. M. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. M. Furstenburg, Master I. Furstenburg, Miss M. Furstenburg, Miss H. Lee Hornbeak, Mr. A. Kleeberg, Mr. A. W. Koch, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Llewellyn, Miss F. A. Llewellyn, Mrs. W. Maritzen, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Moore, Miss M. Newcomb, Miss V. E. Smalley, Miss R. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. V. Teus, Mr. A. Todd, Mr. M. N. Trebilcock, Mr. A. M. Tuason, Mr. F. J. Turner, Miss M. Whipple and Ly. G. Wilbrink.

List of passengers arrivals by the P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" from London via Ports, on May 27:—

Mrs. Raworth and child, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Hole, Mr. Ertan, Comdr. Ling, Mr. and Mrs. Pankhurst, Mr. Patten, Mr. Wylie, Mrs. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Martin, Mr. Swinyard, Mr. Pearson, Miss Clark, Lt. Brown, Major Lightfoot, Mr. Y. Cheng, Mr. Y. Cien, Miss Jackson, Mr. Lunny, Mr. Scott, Mr. McGolrick, Dr. and Mrs. Sinderen, Capt. and Mrs. Sargon, Mr. Rakimbobdia, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Bingham, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Wong, Mr. Tarrant, Capt. Parker, Dr. and Mrs. Richmond, Mr. Maylor, Mr. Carson, Miss Downey, Mr. Bell, Mr. Nicholas and Miss Andrews.

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Sanction was also given for the employment of two extra clerks (one a stenographer and typist and the other a correspondence clerk) in the Colonial Secretariat, and the purchase of new furniture.—Total vote \$3,500.

EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN.

Peking, May 13.—The Kwangtung Women's Emancipation Association was to celebrate its first anniversary and hold its second convention on May 10 and 11 at Canton. In this connection, a Shanghai "message" indicates that the establishment of a branch of the Chinese Women's Emancipation Association at that leading treaty port is meeting with disapproval on the part of the Chekiang authorities.

According to the latest orders of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, the aim of the Women's Emancipation Association is regarded as part of the illegal activities of the Chinese Communists and consequently, its extension to Shanghai is not allowed by the authorities. New orders for the suppression of Bolshevism and Communism have just been issued by Marshal Sun to the Kiangsu authorities.—"A.N.A."

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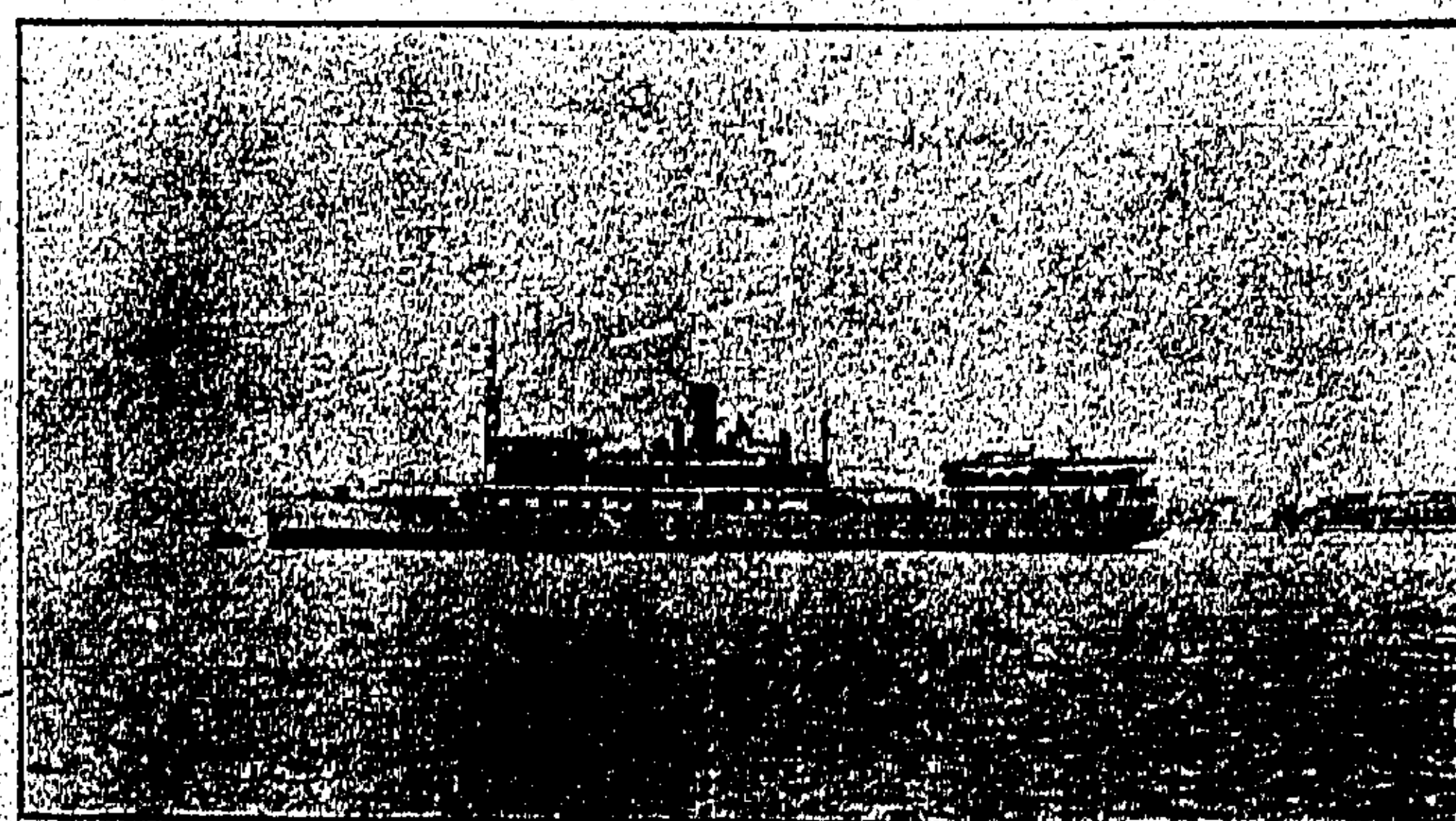
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RAKUYO MARU Tuesday, 17th July.

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KAMO MARU Saturday, 5th June.
KATORI MARU Saturday, 10th June.
ATSUTA MARU Saturday, 3rd July.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
TANGO MARU Wednesday, 23rd June, at 11 a.m.
AKI MARU Wednesday, 21st July.

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WAKASA MARU Wednesday, 2nd June.
KAWACHI MARU Wednesday, 7th July.

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GENOA MARU Wednesday, 2nd June.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
CEYLON MARU Wednesday, 2nd June.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
AKI MARU Saturday, 19th June.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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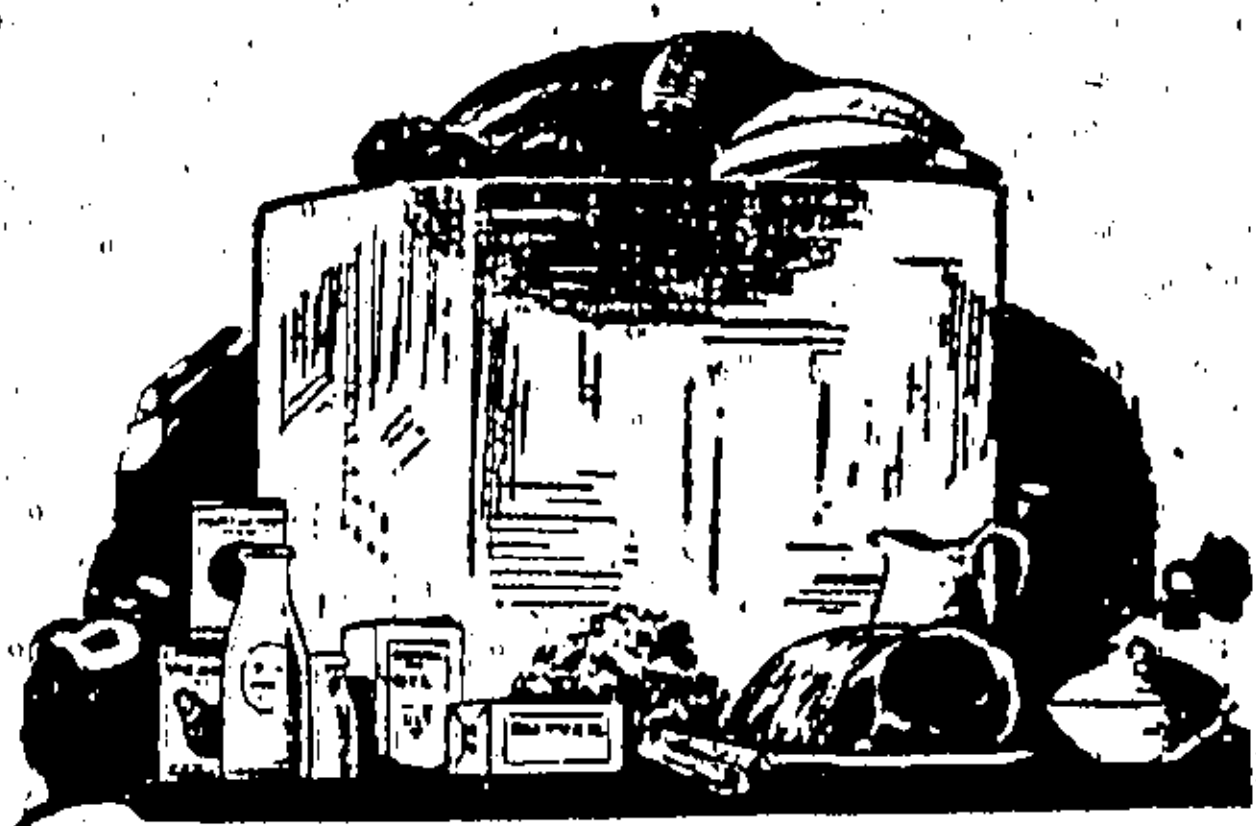
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son (stillborn).

HANSON.—On May 20, 1926, at
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Mathilda, wife of E. H.
Hanson, a daughter.

VAN SCHILFGAARDE.—On May
21, 1926, to Gladys (nee
Robinson) wife of H. Van
Schilfgaarde, a son.

DEATHS.

DISTANT.—On May 21, 1926, at 53,
Meyer Road, Singapore, Annie
Maria, widow of the late Capt.
A. Distant, of Penang. Aged
91.

VAN SCHILFGAARDE.—At Sama-
rinda, on May 21, 1926, Gladys
(nee Robinson) dearly beloved
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ledged claim of the Navy to be
the "silent service" was rather
unkindly disputed by a "high
official" in Hongkong who, in a
post-prandial speech, sought to
wrest that title and bestow it on
the Civil Service. The Navy
treated it with silent contempt.
It could not really take even high
officials' unofficial remarks round
the festive board as serious—cer-
tainly not so serious as the claim-
ant on behalf of the Civil
Service!

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the case for the Civil Service, the
faucets for really "silent service"
might well be awarded to the Post
Office. It performs the most
silent work of any Department,
and yet it is most in the public
eye. Rowland Hill and his pion-
eer work in reforming the postal
system in 1839 may be forgotten,
but that does not imply that the
public are unappreciative of the
great work that the Post Office
performs on their behalf.

It was to be expected that the
strike and the boycott would affect
the working of the Post Office as
well as every other public service
here last year. A number of the
Chinese employees and postmen
joined the ranks of the strikers.
Some were subsequently reinstat-
ed, but the continued absence of
others naturally meant the train-
ing of new men. A Post Office
employee or a Chinese postman
may be "made," if not exactly
born to the job, but patience and

tolerance are essential. The post-
man's daily round has to be
learned thoroughly in order to
ensure an efficient delivery sys-
tem. A postman has to learn his
"beat" even more thoroughly
than a policeman. Streets, and
houses, house numbers, and house
names, must become as familiar
to him as the offices in the city
are to the shroff. Let even one
letter be misdelivered, or not
delivered when it ought to be, and
at once he finds himself in a verit-
able sea of troubles. It can,
therefore, be imagined that, with
fresh faces at the Post Office
desks and counters and fresh
faces in the postal delivery
rounds, the work of the Post-
master-General since the zenith of
the strike has by no means been
a sinecure. Fortunately Mr.
M. J. Breen is an enthusiast, and
would probably be the first to dis-
claim having performed miracles
with his personnel in the direc-
tion of transforming rough
diamonds into polished gems.

The report on the General Post
Office for 1925 is published else-
where in our columns to-day. It
discloses, in spite of decreased re-
venue and greater expenditure, a
balance of revenue that has been
unbroken since 1916. Indeed,
during the last ten years the
balance of revenue last year was
only exceeded in the preceding
four years. Dollar for dollar,
it may safely be deduced
that the Post Office is
one of the best financially
administered Departments in the
Colony. And it is in this respect,
perhaps more than many other,
that its "silent service" is to be
most appreciated.

With a surplus of \$359,647 on
last year's working it may be
hoped that the Treasury will part
with some of it and authorise the
Public Works Department to im-
prove the exterior of the Post
Office buildings. These house
other Government Departments
besides the Post Office itself, but
the weather-worn frontage and
patch-work appearance
of the edifice as a whole
is scarcely creditable to a
progressive Colony. Certainly
the stranger within our gates is
not likely to be favourably im-
pressed when he compares the
exterior of the General Post
Office with the architectural and
decorative amenities of General
Post Offices in large cities else-
where.

A special King's Birthday din-
ner dance will be held, on the
Roof Garden of the Hongkong
Hotel on Saturday, June 5. Dan-
cing from 8 p.m. to midnight.
Fancy or evening dress optional.

A memorial service to the late
Rt. Wor. Brother P. H. Holyoak
will be held at St. John's Cathed-
ral on Monday, May 31, at 6
p.m. Masons are requested to
meet in Zetland Hall at 5.30 p.m.

A BOY AND HIS STOMACH.

THE boy, who ate whatever, when-
ever, and as much as he pleased
is sure sometimes to need very suddenly
Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea
Remedy. It stops almost instantly
any stomach and bowel pains, hot
weather cramps and morning diarrhoea.
Should be kept in every house-
hold. Sold and recommended every-
where.

UNION INSURANCE.

INTERESTING ANNUAL MEETING.

CO'S AUDITORS.

General Manager Praised By
Shareholder.

To-day's annual meeting of the
Union Insurance Society of Canton,
Ltd. was full interest; there being
a large attendance.

Mr. M. Alves, as a share-
holder, criticised the selection of
one firm of auditors, a member of
that firm, he said, being on the
board of an opposition company.
Mr. Alves also bestowed praise on
Mr. Paul Lander, the General Man-
ager, speaking at considerable
length on other matters.

There were present:—Mr. J. A.
Plummer (chairman), the Hon.
Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. W. L.
Pattenden, Mr. T. G. Weall (direc-
tors), Mr. Paul Lander (General
Manager), and the following share-
holders:—

J. W. Alabaster, G. S. Archbutt,
J. M. Alves, Frank Austin, A. E. S.
Alves, J. Arnold, the Hon. Mr.
H. W. Bird, C. C. Black, Messrs.
Butterfield & Swire, J. Bentley,
D. H. Cameron, B. M. C. da
Cunha, P. S. Cassidy, H. B. L.
Dowling, R. A. Dastur, Dr. G.
Digby, B. M. Eda, John Fleming,
J. Gardner, L. Gibbs, G. Grimble,
H. C. Gray, L. E. Hopkins, Ho
Fook, Ho In, E. C. Hudson, Ho
Leung, W. A. Hannibal, Ho Kom-
kong, The Hongkong, Canton &
Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., W. J.
Hawker, Ip Lan-chuen, W. E. N.
Koch, C. C. Knight, W. Logan, Lo
Chung-wan, G. B. Layton, C. F.
Lafrentz, G. Murray, E. A. G. May,
C. V. Mark, C. E. Meyer, W. R.
Mansfield, F. L. Marques, S. H.
Michael, G. Miskin, A. W.
Mackenzie, A. Nemaze, J. D.
Ormlston, Sir H. E. Pollock, R. D.
Read, H. Ruttenberg, O. F. Ribeiro,
V. R. V. Ribeiro, C. A. da Rosa,
P. M. N. da Silva, W. E. L. Shenton,
D. V. Stevenson, F. P. V. Soares,
A. Stevenson, Sum Pak-ming, Dr.
J. H. Sanders, R. Sutherland,
A. H. M. da Silva, F. W. Stapleton,
W. J. Stokes, Prof. C. A. Middleton
Smith, M. A. R. Souza, R. C.
Sommerfeldt, F. B. P. Silva, J. H.
Taggart, J. F. Wright, Jun., W. J. G.
Whitley and G. M. Young.

LATE MR. HOLYOAK.

The chairman's speech began:—
Before commencing the formal
business of this meeting I would
refer with deep sorrow to the death
of Mr. P. H. Holyoak, who as you
are well aware for a great number
of years was a Director of this
Company and its ardent supporter.
The late Mr. Holyoak's public
activities are well known to you.
He was an entirely plucky, public
spirited and kindly man. Prosper-
ity or adversity never changed
him and he was always a loyal
friend. The General Manager
showed yesterday a private let-
ter he had received from the late
Mr. Holyoak posted from Colombo
in which Mr. Holyoak mentions his
extremely indifferent health. In
Singapore he was very far from
well but in spite of this he found
time twice to call upon a young
Hongkong man seriously ill in the
Singapore Hospital. I mention this
small incident because it denotes
the man.

I would refer also with deep sor-
row to the death of Sir Paul Chater
well known to us all. Sir Paul was
one of our oldest and most respect-
ed residents and he has rendered
this Colony distinguished service.
The sympathy of this meeting is
extended to the bereaved families.
Dividend & Bonus.

After the customary allusion to
accounts, etc., the chairman con-
tinued:

The Working Account for the
year 1924 after payment of an in-
terim dividend of 24/- per share
and a 20 per cent. bonus to con-
tributors, shows that the balance
available for distribution amounts
to \$302,099-2-5 and your Direc-
tors recommend that this balance
should be dealt with as follows:—
A final dividend to
shareholders of
16/- per share on
135,000 shares. \$216,000-0-0
A bonus dividend to
shareholders of
6/- per share on
135,000 shares. 33,750-0-0
To be carried for-
ward to Under-
writing Suspense
Account to close
the Account for
the year. 189,349-2-5
The balance of the Working Ac-
count for the year 1925 amounts to
\$510,247-15-8 and your Directors
recommend that an interim dividend
of 24/- per share should be paid to
shareholders absorbing \$182,000.
A bonus of 20 per cent. be paid to
contributors of business on bonus
terms amounting approximately to
\$30,000, and that the remainder be
carried forward.

Mors Figures.

The Board further recommends
the transfer from the Re-insurance
Fund of \$78,000 to the credit of
the Sterling Reserve Fund which

will increase this Fund from \$222-
000 to \$300,000 and decrease the
Re-insurance Fund from \$2,418,070-
12-10 to \$2,340,070-12-10.

Turning to the figures in the
balance sheet you will notice that
our issued Capital has been in-
creased, by 24,000 new shares,
which were issued and allotted in
accordance with the resolution
passed at the extraordinary general
meeting held on March 19, 1925 in
respect of the exchange of shares
in connection with the amalga-
mation with the Yangtze Insurance
Association, Ltd. 24 per share is
paid up on the Society's shares and
our paid-up capital has therefore
been increased by \$96,000.

The sterling equivalent of the
Society's Silver Reserve of \$3,000-
000 is \$354,667-10-0 as com-
pared with \$346,875 last year. Ex-
change at December 31, 1925 being
taken at 2/4.3/8 as compared with
2/3.3/4 at December 31, 1924.

American Business.

The large increase in our Re-in-
surance Fund which stands in our
balance sheet at \$2,418,070-12-10 is
partly represented by the pre-
mium on the new shares issued.

Our investments have been taken
at the market prices ruling on
December 31 last.

Turning to the Working Accounts
you will note that the interest for
the year 1924 amounted to \$238,974-
18-7 and the interest shown for
the year 1925 amounts to \$223,921-
18-6 only. It would explain
however that there are still several
additions to be made to the 1925
interest such as dividends from
affiliated Companies, etc.

The premium income for the year
1925 as compared with the premium
income of the previous year as at
December 31, 1924 has decreased
by approximately \$300,000. This
diminution in premium is primarily
due to curtailment of American
fire and automobile commitments.

The item of commission paid as
per the Accounts also, shows a
marked decrease and this is simi-
larly explained by the curtailment
of our American business.

Competition Severe.
The balance of the Working Ac-
count for the year 1925 amounting
to \$510,247-15-8 may be con-
sidered satisfactory.

Our Marine business has been
conducted during 1925 under the
somewhat difficult conditions which
have characterised this class of
insurance during recent years.

The market is still large and the
amount of business restricted with
the result that competition is severe
and rates in consequence continue
to show a downward tendency. An-
other matter which still causes con-
cern to underwriters, and which my
predecessor in the chair referred
to last year, is the introduction,
largely as the result of competition,
of risks of a nature altogether out-
side the usual scope of marine in-
surance and for which in many
cases inadequate rates are paid.

Individual marine losses of mag-
nitude and total losses have been
less a feature than the many
smaller but nevertheless serious
losses which often escape public
notice or soon fade from memory.
Among the latter I would mention
the unusual number of serious fires
in which valuable cargoes have
been involved.

Improvements Coming?
I am glad to say however that
in some directions there are signs
of underwriters themselves endeav-
ouring, by co-operation, to place
the business on a profitable basis,
particularly in the hull market in
which improvements have been
brought about which may later
bear fruit.

Your General manager visited the
United States of America last year
in connection with our fire and
general business there and during
his visit considerable re-insurances
were effected on the automobile ac-
count.

The net premium income for the
year has, as I have already pointed
out, been reduced in consequence
of these re-insurances, but I am
pleased to be able to state that the
final outcome for the year showed
that a considerable saving had
resulted from the arrangements
made. The Society's business in
the United States of America is
receiving our close consideration.

Fire and general business writ-
ten by the Society and its affiliated
companies in other fields showed
that the income was well maintain-
ed.

Hongkong Hotel Fire.

A recent loss of local interest
was the Hongkong Hotel fire which
occurred on January 1, 1926, and
in connection therewith I would
like to refer to the excellent assis-
tance rendered by H.M.'s Naval
and Military Forces in supplementing
the Fire Department of Hongkong.
It was with deep regret that your
Directors learned of the death of
Able Seaman Bachelor in the course
of these operations.

We all deplore the boycott against
British trade in Canton but I can-
not believe that the people of
Kwangtung will continue to sub-
mit for any length of time to the
illegal activities of a small section
of their community. This Society
has had honourable and friendly
intercourse with the Cantonese for
very many years, being first estab-
lished in their ancient city in the
year 1835, some years before Hong-
kong passed to the British Crown.
In my opinion, Gentlemen, there
is no ill-will between the traders
of Canton and those of this Colony
and that they as well as we desire
the resumption of peaceful busi-
ness relationship and the re-sta-
blishment of the old trade condi-
tions.

Oversea Offices.

You will be pleased to learn that
the Singapore offices were opened
on Saturday, September 26 last,
Mr. J. Lorie, manager of Messrs.
Boustead & Co., performing the
opening ceremony. This building
is constructed of ferro-concrete
throughout, covering an area of
26,552 square feet and consists of
seven floors equipped in the most
modern manner. Great credit is
due to Messrs. Swan & MacLaren,
the architects, for designing such
a fine structure and to the United
Engineers who carried out the work
of construction to its present satis-
factory completion.

Handsome offices have also been
erected in Bond Street, Sydney,
Australia. The building is a fine
example of steel structure work
and was erected by Messrs. Kell &
Bigby under the supervision of
Messrs. Ernest A. Scott & Green,
architects. It is faced with
Hawkesbury stone and brick and
contains a basement, ground and
eight upper floors. The official
opening ceremony took place on
November 18 last and was attended
by many of the leading members
of the community. The prosperity
of the Society was proposed by Mr.
Dunlop, President of the Chamber
of Commerce, supported by Sir
Alfred Meeks and others.

Turning again to the Balance
Sheet, I feel sure you will agree
with me that we have reason to
be proud of the fine position these
figures indicate, and they will no
doubt be viewed by you with the
utmost satisfaction.

Bonus To Staff.

I am sure you will heartily ap-
prove our following the usual cus-
tom of voting a bonus of 15 per
cent on salaries to the credit of
the members of our staff holding
provident fund agreements.

The position, Gentlemen, not only
reflects the greatest credit upon
our staff, who have given devoted
and unstinted service, but also
upon our General Manager, Mr.
Paul Lander, for the extremely
able manner in which he has con-
ducted the Society's business dur-
ing a period of unusual difficulty.
During the year Mr. G. S.
Archbutt, who has had long service
with the Society and its affiliated
company, The China Fire Insurance
Co., Ltd., was promoted to the po-
sition of Fire Manager and we feel
sure you will be pleased to learn
of the appointment.

Before concluding my remarks I
would refer with sorrow to the
death of the late Mr. C. W.
Darbishire of the firm of Messrs.
Paterson, Simons & Co., who was
a member of our London Commit-
tee. The news of his death was re-
ceived throughout the East with
deep regret.

I now propose the adoption of
the Report and Accounts and when
this has been seconded I shall be
glad to answer to the best of my
ability any questions you may wish
to ask.

SECONDER'S SPEECH.

Rising to second, Mr. G. M.
Young said:—
Gentlemen—It is with a parti-
cular sense of personal sorrow
that I associate myself with what
has been said by Mr. Plummer in
regard to the great loss suffered
by the community by the deaths of
Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Sir Paul
Chater.

It is a great pleasure to see so
many fellow shareholders present,
and I feel sure that we are all
delighted at the report we have just
listened to. The produce such a
fine balance sheet when the busi-
ness of the world—especially that
connected with China—has been so
harassed, denotes sound judgment
on the part of our General Man-
ager and the managers at all the
cities where the Society is repre-
sented.

The increase of capital in con-
nection with the amalgamation
with the Yangtze Association Ltd.
has justified itself, as proven by
figures in the balance sheet, and
in my opinion there is not anything
to worry about in the decreased
premium income for our Chair-
man's remarks would appear to
denote that this has left an increas-
ed profit.

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UNION INSURANCE.

(Continued from Page 6.)

Canton Revival.

With regard to what has been said about our long-standing friendly intercourse with the Cantonese, we doubtless all regret the present misunderstandings that have arisen between us and look forward to a revival of the friendship and a renewal of business.

In these days it is no use hiding one's light under a bushel, and the policy of expressing the Society's business in the substantial buildings such as have been opened at Singapore and Sydney is, I venture to say, one of the best forms of propaganda and advertisement which can be made use of.

I feel confident that we can look forward to a continued increase in the results of the working of the Society, and I heartily endorse everything that has been said by the Chairman with reference to the ability and discrimination of the General Manager and staff in conducting the business.

I have much pleasure in seconding the Report and Accounts.

MR. ALVES' SPEECH.

Mr. Chairman.—I have listened to your speech with great interest and generally wish to support the statements made by Mr. Young in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts. I am in agreement with most of his remarks, but I desire to emphasize one particular point which has not been sufficiently stressed upon, and that is the prosperity of the Society is, in my opinion, solely the result of one guiding hand.

In the nature of things, undertakings large or small rise or fall by the efforts of one person, and unorthodox as it may seem to you, it is my firm belief that the larger the undertaking the greater its probability of success, where its destinies and broad questions of policy are confined to the hands of a capable single person; and in this the Union Insurance Society of Canton has been fortunate in the past, and if I may say so, in the present; and I hope even to a greater degree in the future, if the accounts now before you are any criterion. As a large single shareholder and representative of a still larger shareholder closely related to me, I feel that our interests are very ably looked after by the present General Manager in the person of Mr. Paul Lander.

A "Further Bonus."

Whilst commending the policy of distributing only the income from investments which, I notice, as regards the working for the year 1924, was exceeded to the extent of some £20,000, I would urge the view that when the result of the working for 1925 is better known at this time next year, the distribution to shareholders might be enlarged moderately a little further, say to the extent of a further bonus of 5% per share, which would cost about £24,000 extra.

In connection with the dividends, there is a point in the accounts which no doubt is readily explainable. If you will refer to the working account for 1924 you will find the cost of the interim dividend at the rate of 24% at £161,994; for 1925 the cost is given in the report at £162,000 which is certainly the correct figure. I have not the Balance Sheet at December 31, 1924 before me from which to ascertain the change in the issued capital which, no doubt, took place.

"Shareholders In Dark"

Without wishing to criticise the proposed adjustments as between the Reserve Fund and the Re-Insurance Fund, but only for enlightenment, I would ask the reason why the proposed transfer is limited only to £78,000. May I suggest that the transfer be increased to £178,000 raising the sterling Reserve Fund to £400,000. The Re-Insurance Fund will then stand at about 22½ lakhs of pounds which should be ample capital to finance risks against that Fund. This appears to me all the stronger when viewed from the standpoint, that in whatever manner risks may be regarded or allocated by the management, the insurer will look to all the assets of the Society in satisfaction of claims. The fund is apparently of a fluctuating nature, and whether or not it covers profits, the shareholders are now in the dark.

Another fund of a fluctuating nature which moves more or less mysteriously unless analysed and compared with previous balance sheets is the Underwriting. Suspense Account to which balances of Working Accounts are transferred after the lapse of a complete year, as with the case of the accounts for 1924 being considered to-day. Presumably claims, arising out of the working for 1924 and prior years, will be debited to this account; and I would like some information as to the amount debited during 1925 to the Underwriting Suspense Account for claims appertaining to 1923 and the years before that.

COAL CRISIS.

HOUSEHOLDERS' SUPPLIES "AXED."

SERIOUS SITUATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 27.

The seriousness of the coal situation is emphasised by an announcement by the Secretary of State for Mines that householders will only be allowed a half cwt. of coal weekly from to-morrow. They must fetch it themselves, and they must have a written permit from the local authorities. This is a quarter of the amount allowed in the smallest houses in war time. It is one of many restrictions imposed owing to dwindling supplies.

Business premises are cut down to half their usual supplies. No illuminated signs are allowed, and street lighting is reduced to a safety minimum.

A Whitehall communique published under the Emergency Powers Act in this connection adds that heavy penalties are provided for non-compliance with the above orders.

Newspaper Settlement.

The Federation of Master Printers and the Newspaper Society to-day agreed to a national settlement with the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation providing for a continuance of the agreements existing prior to May 1.

It contains provisions for the prevention of lightning strikes, and stipulates that there shall be no interference with the contents of newspapers and periodicals published by members of the employers' organisations.

WILL IT RAIN?

South or variable winds; moderate; generally overcast; showers—thus the forecast until noon of to-morrow's sporting day.

Pressure is highest over the eastern portion of the map. It has decreased moderately over S.W. Japan and slightly from the Loochoos to the Philippines. It is nearly stationary over S. China and the Indo-China. Depressions are shown over Tongking, over the Eastern Sea and near Amoy.

Auditors' Position.

I would suggest that, in future years, this information be given in the face of the balance sheet, to enable shareholders to fully appreciate our fortunes after every working account is closed.

Another point to my mind of great importance is the question of auditors, one of whom is connected as a director of a company strenuously competing with this company. I refer to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, whose head, Mr. Bernard Brown, is a director of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Now, Gentlemen, I have nothing against Mr. Brown, but it is surely not good policy that our affairs should be intimately exposed to one of our auditors who is also actively in opposition to this company. The knowledge gained by Mr. Brown as an auditor may quite conceivably be superior to the knowledge of the directors themselves, and it is undesirable that he should have this knowledge in view of his directorship in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., although I feel certain that no information obtained as auditor is made use of.

I do not propose to vote against Messrs. Linstead and Davis, re-election to-day, but will limit myself to the above opinion in the certainty that the matter will be duly taken up by the Board.

"I Have No Questions."

Mr. Plummer pointed out that Mr. Alves had only made general allusions. If there were specific questions, he would be pleased to answer them to the best of his ability. Otherwise, he would like to thank Mr. Alves very much, on behalf of the general manager.

Mr. Alves: I have no questions, Sir.

Other Business.

Sir Henry Pollock proposed and Prof. C. A. Middleton Smith seconded, the re-election of the retiring directors, Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. T. G. Weall, passed unanimously.

Mr. G. Grimble: Notwithstanding what Mr. Alves has said, I have much pleasure in proposing the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, as auditors, at a remuneration of £2,000 per annum, each firm (Mr. W. A. Hannibal seconded). This was also carried unanimously. Mr. Alves and a few others abstained from voting.

The Chairman then announced that dividend warrants were ready.

"CHINA FIRE."

COMPANY IN SUCH STRONG POSITION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., was held to-day at Union Building, it being stated that the company was in "such a strong position."

Mr. J. A. Plummer presided, supported by the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. W. L. Pattenden (directors) and Mr. Paul Lander (general manager).

Chairman's Review. The chairman's address, after the usual reference to accounts, etc., was—

Gentlemen.—The working account for the year 1924 shows a balance of £718,063.75 to be dealt with. Your directors recommend that this balance be appropriated as follows:—

Dividend of \$9 and bonus of \$5 per share on 20,000 shares, \$280,000.00.

To be carried forward to underwriting suspense account, \$435,063.75.

The balance at credit of the 1925 account is \$904,610.30.

It gives your directors much pleasure to be able to present to you an annual report showing the Company to be in such a strong position.

You will notice from the working accounts that the actual net premium shows a decrease in comparison with last year. This was anticipated, however, and represents the consequence of the curtailment of business, the results of which did not in the opinion of our management justify the liability incurred.

It is anticipated that the balance of 1925 working account will show a satisfactory result.

Effect of Exchange.

I may mention that the figures throughout the accounts are affected by exchange. The sterling rate taken at December 31, 1925 being 2/4.8/8 as against a corresponding rate at December 31, 1924 of 2/3.3/4. This, of course, means a drop in the dollar equivalent of all sterling so far as this year's accounts are concerned.

As I have already stated, the balance sheet shows a very strong position and you will notice, Gentlemen, the total assets are now over \$8,450,000.

The reinsurance fund and underwriting suspense accounts show a satisfactory increase.

I am sure you will have noted with pleasure that the dividend and bonus this year have been increased by the sum of \$2 each.

I now move that the directors' report and statement as presented be adopted and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any question that may be put.

Mr. G. S. Archbutt seconded. No question was put and the motion was carried unanimously.

Other Business.

Other business passed by the meeting comprised:—

Re-election of Mr. J. A. Plummer and Mr. T. G. Weall as directors—proposed by Mr. A. Sommerfeldt, seconded by Mr. V. R. V. Ribeiro.

Re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, as auditors for the current year, at \$750 each—proposed by Mr. A. A. Alves, seconded by Mr. F. H. Farne.

Dividend warrants are now ready.

LATE MR. HOLYOAK.

FUNERAL AT HOME TO-DAY.

A telegram has been received by Messrs Holyoak and Massey stating that the funeral of the late Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak will take place to-day.

THREW INTO HARBOUR.

In addition to missing his boat (the s.s. "Elkridge") on which he claimed to be employed, S. Anderson appeared at the police station this morning with wet clothing and cuts over his eyes.

His complaint was that a number of men attacked him at 5 a.m. and, that not being enough, they threw him into the harbour. He added that he got ashore with the greatest difficulty.

In a dispute between two Indians on the s.s. "Mantua" yesterday a coal trimmer received wounds in the head. His alleged assailant is now in custody.

AFTER FIVE YEARS.

ABD-EL-KRIM'S GUERRILLA WARFARE.

COMMENTS ON DOWNFALL.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 27.

Abd el Krim's surrender does not merely end the career of the world's most picturesque figure, whose five years' guerrilla warfare against two European Powers began by a crushing defeat of the Spaniards in 1921, but probably terminates the secular quarrel between the Moors and Spaniards.

Abd el Krim, no ignorant mountaineer, was the guest of the Government of Madrid, for two years before he attacked them. As a result of his special course of study in Madrid he engaged foreigners to teach the tribesmen methods of modern warfare, and he controlled the Rifian troops by means of an extensive telephone system.

Among the political consequences of the Rifian adventure has been the establishment of a Dictatorship in Spain, and the recognition by France of the necessity of close Franco-Spanish co-operation in Morocco, while the downfall of Abd el Krim will have repercussions in the whole of the Moslem world.

The "Times," in an editorial, hopes Abd el Krim's correspondence will be published in order to reveal to the world the intrigues of the mining concessionaires and financiers who exploited Rifian cupidity and fanaticism.

Surrender Expected.

Tangiers, May 27.

The surrender of Abd el Krim was not surprising, as it was known he was in flight, if not hiding, fearing assassination by his disappointed followers. The French had captured the greater part of Jebel Hamman, the mountain fastness which was Abd el Krim's last sanctuary.

His own tribe, the Beni Wariaghel, had submitted, and practically the whole Rif territory was in the hands of the French and Spanish.

The only two tribes intact, the Ghomara and Djebela, were apparently unaware of Abd el Krim's collapse.

End Welcomed.

Paris, May 27.

France's great sigh of relief at the surrender of Abd el Krim rustles the pages of the newspapers which joyfully welcome the end of the Rif venture, which, they emphasise, there must be no repetition. The Rif must henceforth be properly governed, in connection with which the continuance of Franco-Spanish co-operation is underlined in order to exploit the wealth of Morocco.

It is suggested that Abd el Krim will not be permitted to reside in Moslem territory and may be compelled to apologise to the Sultan of Morocco.

Bolshevist Dreams.

Le Matin describes Abd el Krim's surrender as the dissipation of a German and Bolshevist dream of France's ruin in Morocco. It adds: "For all her 1,700,000 dead France has shown once again that she can defend herself. Abd el Krim can rely on our clemency, but a pardon does not signify forgetfulness. We shall remember his dealings with the Bolshevists and Pangermans."

Good For Briand.

Paris, May 27.

Tantamount to a vote of confidence, the Chamber of Deputies by 320 votes in 209 agreed to the Government's demand for an adjournment of interpellations on the financial situation.

Undoubtedly the recovery of the franc, followed by the collapse of Abd el Krim, has greatly strengthened M. Briand's position.

WORLD'S COMMERCE.

KING GEORGE ON VITAL POINTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 27.

His Majesty the King granted an audience to the forty delegates of the International Parliamentary Commercial Conference. His Majesty recalling the 1918 Conference, when only eight countries were represented, thought the present encouraging increase indicated a general desire to assist reparation and the injuries the War inflicted on the world's commerce.

His Majesty picked out from the Conference's agenda the production and distribution of coal, shipping law and Customs, which he declared was of vital importance to Britain and doubtless to other countries.

WU FOR PEKING.

HIS COMING MEETING WITH CHANG TSO-LING.

IMPORTANCE EMPHASISED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Hankow, May 25.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu left for Peking by special train at nine o'clock this morning.

Commenting on his departure the vernacular papers state that his forthcoming meeting with Marshal Chang Tso-ling will dispel all the rumours of differences between them and enable them to arrive at a lasting understanding for the country's peace.

The local students are most active, collecting funds and otherwise encouraging a British Cigarette Company strike. The company is optimistic and hopes for a settlement in two or three days.

WHITE STAR LINE.

PROPOSED SALE TO BRITISH INTERESTS.

MEETING TO CONFIRM.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, May 27.

The International Mercantile Marine Company will hold a meeting on June 17 to confirm the proposed sale of the Oceanic Steam Navigation Company, otherwise known as the White Star Line, to British interests headed by Furness, Withy and Company for about \$7,500,000. It is understood in connection with the sale that the vendors agree to limit competition in the present White Star trade routes.

PREVIOUS NEWS.

The following cables on the subject were published a month ago: London, April 24.

A sensation has been caused in shipping circles at Liverpool by the reported offer of British interests to purchase the White Star Line, in which connection Baron Kysant's name is prominently mentioned.

Wall Street's View.

New York, April 24.

Mr. J. P. Morgan and Mr. Charles Steels, members of J. P. Morgan and Company, have both resigned their directorships of the International Mercantile Marine Corporation and their action is interpreted in Wall Street as intimating that the negotiations for the purchase of the White Star line have practically been completed.

It is recalled that the late J. Pierpont Morgan founded this corporation, which owns the controlling interest in the White Star line.

The J. P. Morgan Company have issued a statement saying that the resignations of Mr. J. P. Morgan and Charles Steels were prompted by the fact that their London partner might be interested in the contemplated sale of some of the properties of the International Mercantile Marine Corporation.

It is reported that both the Cunard Steamship Company and Furness, Withy and Co., Ltd., have made bids for the White Star fleet, and there is a prospect of the transference of the line to the Cunard Steamship Company for a price of about \$35,000,000.

Baron Kysant's Statement.

London, April 24.

In reply to an enquiry with regard to the offer of the purchase of the White Star line, Baron Kysant stated that he knew nothing at all about it.

Considering the Offer.

New York, April 23.

A cash offer for the White Star Line received from certain British interests will be considered at a special meeting of the Directors of the International Mercantile Marine Corporation to-day.

GUNS FOR HERE.

CHINESE SEAMAN HEAVILY FINED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 27.

A Chinese seaman employed on the s.s. "Fembrookshire" charged at East Ham, with concealing 69 automatic pistols, two walking sticks guns, and 6,700 rounds of ammunition, told the Customs that the arms were given to him at Antwerp by a Cantonese, who asked him to take them to Hongkong, promising him \$3 for each gun delivered.

The seaman was fined £150 or three months' imprisonment with labour.

The body of a woman found floating in the harbour near the Wing Lok Street wharf yesterday was brought ashore by two Chinese firemen. Artificial respiration brought the woman round and she was sent to hospital.

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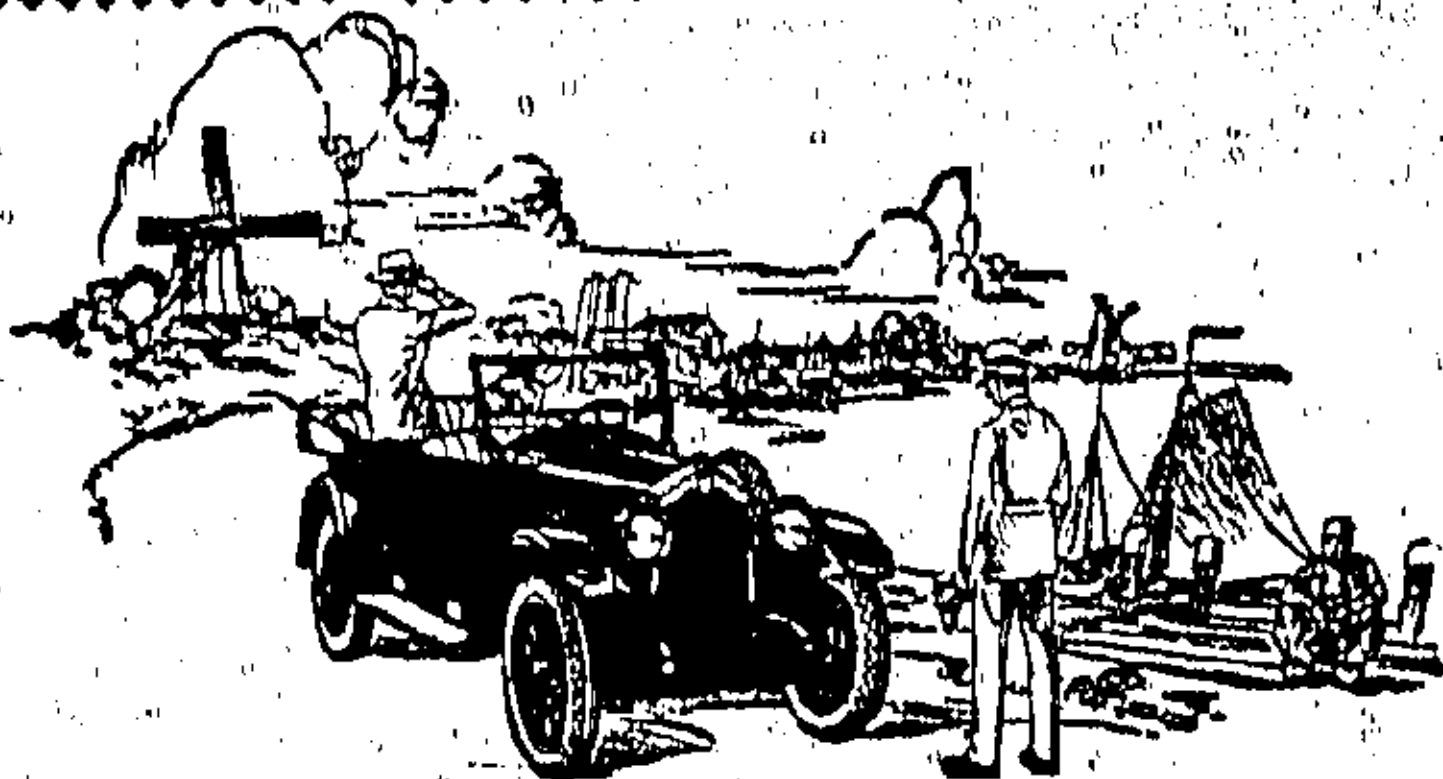
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Washington, May 20.—After fifteen years exclusion Japan has been readmitted to good standing in the navy and will be sold to the men aboard ship.

The Tientsin Grammar School Committee has decided, with the approval of the B.M.C., to inform parents that it is not considered desirable that pupils of the school should attend the Races. In no case will pupils be permitted to absent themselves from school for this purpose.

A Chinese chauffeur who caused the death of a coolie with the car in which he was driving, was sentenced to one year imprisonment by the Shanghai Mixed Court authorities. The accused was charged with causing death through inattention to his duty as a driver of a motor vehicle.

Tokyo, May 20.—Opinion is growing in Japan that the Geneva disarmament conference is abortive. The government also reiterates its intention of approving any reasonable and equitable proposition agreed upon. The government expressed its willingness to consider naval disarmament separately from the land forces or jointly.

In his annual report the British Resident of Pahang records that a discovery of considerable historical interest was made at Pahang Tua in 1925. This was the finding of the tomb of Muhammad Shah, the first Sultan of Pahang. The inscription on the tombstones marking his grave gives the date of his death as the 16th Jamed Al Awal 1880 A.H. which corresponds with September 17, 1475 A.D.

Sentence of death was on May 20 passed upon four armed robbers found guilty of being concerned in a number of armed robberies within the International Settlement during March last. A quantity of arms and ammunition was seized by the police at the time of the arrest of the condemned men whose most lucrative robbery was the theft of 2,000 coppers, 132 10-cent pieces and \$6 Mex. on March 19 last from a shop situated at No. 328, Penang Road.

Tokyo, May 20.—A Japanese passenger arriving at Yokohama to-day by the R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" from Shanghai committed suicide by jumping overboard. In a letter addressed to the captain of the vessel he stated that his action was meant as a protest against the Canadian "attempts to exclude yellow peoples."

Batavia, May 18.—The towns of Sourabaya, Samarang and this city have been practically under martial law for several months as a result of the activities of the Sarekat Rayat, a popular revolutionary party. The eastern and western coasts of Sumatra are in a similar situation. They have the appearance of a country ruled under martial law. For this reason, the agents of the Sarekat Rayat are compelled to carry their work in a very secret manner.

Vienna, May 16.—Following disturbances in the Apollo Theatre, the police ordered the suppression of a comedian's lines wherein the dish "pork's head-a-la-Mussolini" was defined as a "head with the mouth wide open." It is understood that the head of the local Fascist club instigated the disturbance which broke up the show. The Italian minister thereupon made an official visit to the foreign office and requested that the lines be suppressed.

Another example of popular legend without much foundation is that in connection with "The Cheshire Cheese," an ancient and famous inn which stands in Wine Office Court, Fleet Street. In this inn on the wall behind a certain seat is a grease-patch, and, according to tradition, this mark was made by Dr. Johnson, who, allegedly, habitually sat there resting his bewigged head on the wall behind him. There is no proof, however, of this; there is no proof even that Johnson ever entered the establishment, and the only evidence in its favour is that Dr. Johnson's house in Gough Square is only a very short distance from the inn. But the story lives, and although many do not give it credence doubtless the landlords of "The Cheshire Cheese" have profited by it for years.

Four o'clock to-morrow has been fixed as the time for the official opening of the Hongkong Baseball season, at Happy Valley. Details as advertised.

The yearly meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., will be held on the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow at 11 a.m.

When he occupied his seat yesterday in the Legislative Council for the first time, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, the new Colonial Secretary, took the customary oath and then signed the register.

Nos. 269 and 271, Temple Street, Yau-mat, were sold at the China Auction Rooms yesterday to Mr. Leung Kam for \$10,200. Area 1774 sq. ft.—Crown rent: \$6.91—Lease: 75 years from 1897—Upset price: \$10,000.

The Catholic Monthly "Religio e Patria" has just entered the 13th year of its existence and, in spite of so many oppositions and troubles, has been able to maintain its highest reputation amongst the Catholic and Portuguese papers in the Far East.

Two Chinese probationary interpreters of the Sanitary Department were charged before the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday with obtaining money by false pretences. In the case of one man the prosecution alleged that he received sums of \$13 and \$20 from a hawkler by pretending to have authority to issue licences. Both cases were adjourned.

An interesting experiment in babies diet is being made at the Charity Hospital in Berlin. After the age of two months the infants are taken off milk and are fed on chopped cow's liver. The liver is found to contain better amounts and proportions of iron, phosphorus and vitamins than does milk. Children fed on this diet, states the "Central News," are said to be healthier, better looking, and more intelligent than those fed by the old method.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Hole, wife of Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (Harbour Master), and Mrs. Raworth, arrived from home yesterday on the P. and O. s.s. "Mantua."

It is said that Mr. C. W. H. Cochrane is leaving Kuala Lumpur at the end of the month for Johore, where he will act as General Adviser. Mr. A. F. Richards will come to Kuala Lumpur as Acting Under Secretary, F.M.S.—M. M.

The marriage of Bessie Harris, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Harris, Guildford, Perth, W.A., and Theodore Watkins, British North Borneo, took place at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on May 17, the Ven. Archdeacon Swindell officiating.

The wedding of Hilary Cameron Russell Rendle and Valerie Patricia Gleason, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Gleason, took place on May 16 at St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, the Rev. B. C. Roberts officiating. The church, which was very prettily decorated, was well filled, the congregation including the Honourable Mr. Peel and Mrs. Peel and the Honourable Mr. Thomson. The service was choral, Mr. W. J. A. Mallon being at the organ.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) is presenting the Long Services Medal of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem to the Assistant Commissioner and the District Surgeon (Mr. E. Ralphs and Dr. W. V. M. Koch) at a parade of the Hongkong, St. John Ambulance Brigade at the Murray Parade Ground on Monday evening at 5.15. It is anticipated that the proceedings will occupy about 15 minutes. Should the weather be unfavourable the parade will be held at the Volunteer Headquarters.

According to the "Straits Echo" the following changes in the Malayan Civil Service will take place shortly. Mr. J. D. Hall, Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor, becomes Secretary to the High Commissioner, Malay States. Mr. J. Huggins, M.C.S., succeeds Mr. Hall as Private Secretary to the Governor. Mr. T. W. Clayton, Controller of Rubber, will be promoted to be Commissioner, Trades and Customs, F.M.S., in succession to Mr. Charlton Maxwell, who is retiring from the service. Either Mr. J. Lorne or Mr. Meadows Frost will go to Malacca as Resident-Councillor.

A memorial service to the late Sir C. P. Chater and the late Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak will be held at St. John's Cathedral on Monday, at 7.30 p.m.

His Lordship the Bishop of Macao, says the "Religio e Patria," intends going again to Timor; his sister, D. Francisca da Costa Nunes, will probably reside at the Canadian Institute, Hongkong.

In connection with the King's Birthday Parade on the Wong Nei Chong Recreation Ground next Thursday at 9 a.m., a practice parade of the local Garrison Artillery, and the Infantry Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, was held this morning at Happy Valley. The Navy and Royal Marines will also participate in next week's parade.

Among the passengers who will be leaving for home on the P. and O. s.s. "Malwa" to-morrow will be Dr. W. W. Pearce, who has just retired from the post of Medical Officer of Health in Hongkong; Chief-Inspector W. Kent, proceeding on home leave; and Sub-Inspector C. McNab, Wilson, whose retirement from the Hongkong Police Force we reported on Tuesday.

According to "Religio e Patria" Rev. L. G. de Garcia, S.J., at present at Woodstock College, Woodstock, Maryland, U.S.A., will be ordained priest on June 14 by His Grace the Archbishop of Baltimore and will celebrate his first mass on the next day (June 15). He will return to Shanghai after the time of his probation. Rev. Garcia is the son of the late General Garcia. His mother, Mrs. Garcia is living in Macao.

Among passengers who left by the s.s. "Empress of Russia" to-day were Mr. E. A. Nichols, manager, Cosmopolitan Docks, for Vancouver; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Priestly for Shanghai; Mr. D. J. Lewis, solicitor, on a round-trip to Japan. Those en route to Europe were Surgeon-Commander and Mrs. Adhead, Mr. J. Hooper, of the Kowloon Godowns, and Mrs. Hooper. Mr. C. V. Stoddard, passenger agent of the Australian Oriental Line, at Sydney. Mr. R. J. Saunders, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Mr. E. L. Bridger, director of Messrs. Lane Crawford Ltd., and Mrs. Bridger, and Lieut. H. O. Gould, of the Headquarters staff, China Command.

Honolulu, May 15.—Right Reverend Labert Boeynaems, Catholic mission bishop of Hawaii, died to-day at the age of 68.

The Catholic Monthly is opening a subscription to offer a present to Mons. Valtorta on the occasion of his Episcopal consecration. His Lordship's title is Bishop of Leroc.

Mr. R. B. H. Gibbins, the present Adviser to the International Court at Bangkok, succeeds the late Dr. P. W. Thornely in the Appeal Court, and Mr. R. W. Aston, at present acting in the Appeal Court, succeeds Mr. Gibbins as Adviser to the International Court.

Under a decree of His Majesty the King of Siam, dated May 15, H.R.H. Prince Yugala and H.R.H. Prince Kambang Bojra have been made Minister of Interior and Minister of Commerce and Communications respectively. Formerly their positions were as Acting Ministers.

While the King was on horseback in Windsor Great Park recently, a woman, accompanied by a child, approached him in the Long Walk. His Majesty drew up his horse, and the woman handed a bunch of primroses to the King, who smilingly accepted it and thanked the woman.

The King's Birthday—His Majesty will be 61 on June 8—is to be celebrated at home on Saturday, June 5, when the ceremony of the Trooping of the Colour will take place on the Horse Guards Parade. In the Dominions and the Colonies the event will be celebrated on the actual day, June 8.

Mr. A. Ritchie of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, while proceeding home on holiday, sustained serious injury to his head in diving into a swimming bath on board his ship. It was thought that it might be necessary to land him at Colombo for treatment in hospital, but that was not necessary.

Rome, May 12.—Premier Mussolini requested King Victor Emmanuel to authorize a grant of 500,000 lire, and the rank of "general in command of the Italian dragoon forces" to Captain Umberto Nobile, the pilot who took the "Norge" over the North Pole. The premier has also requested a gold medal in honour of Captain Nobile and in commemoration of the flight.

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CLOSING STAGES.

HOME AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

HOPES DWINDLING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Muirfield, May 27. With a transition from the preliminary to the closing stages in the British amateur golf championship, the position is one of absorbing interest. Three of the first four results involved the defeat of the foreigners.

The Hon. Mr. Brownlow (Addington) beat Grant Peacock (America) by two holes. Watts Gunn, beat Noon (Edinburgh) by 5 and 3. McMaster beat Brower (America) by two holes. Michael Scott beat Vagliano (France) by 5 and 4.

Then followed other results: Scott Junr. (Glasgow) beat Sinclair, the Australian champion, by 2 and 1. Cave beat Layton by 2 and 1. McMaster beat McCormack by 4 and 3. Bristowe beat Byfleet (Gulford) by one hole. Bobby Jones beat Birnie by 7 and 5.

Harris beat Pugh (St. David's) by 4 and 3.

Last Eight.

In the fifth round, Bobby Jones beat Harris (the holder) by 8 and 6. Brownlow beat Watts Gunn by 3 and 2. Both enter the last eight.

Fifth Round.

The fifth round has been concluded. Other results are: Jamieson beat Pollock (Bristowe) by 3 and 2. Robert Scott beat Michael Scott by 2 and 1. Sweetser beat Cave by 2 and 1.

W. Murray beat McMaster by 3 and 2. A. Simpson (Lottianburn) beat H. Gillies (Woking) by 5 and 3. G. Killey (Duddingston) beat Board (Home Park) by 3 and 2.

American Victory?

The result of to-day's play produced the shadow of an American victory.

Many are of the opinion that the final will be epitomised as a result of the Jones-Harris match. Moreover, there is a possibility of an all-American final as the remaining two Americans are in opposite halves of the draw.

Jones, against Harris, opened with "hat trick" holes and turned six up in 35. The veteran holder fell before the relentless ability of a player half his age.

Only Murray remains of the British Walker Cup team.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The following players will represent the "Hongkong Bank and Union Insurance" side v. The Hongkong Rugby Football Club at King's Park on Saturday, May 29, at 5.15 p.m.

Full back: J. A. D. Morrison. Three-quarters: E. A. Brodie, E. C. Hudson and S. M. Garrard. Halves: C. D. Wales, O. Skinner and L. P. Ralph.

Forwards: R. L. Moncrieff, A. C. Groves, W. Beveridge, J. H. Sutcliffe, R. P. Moodie, R. MacIntyre, D. A. Campbell and R. W. Lee.

EXPLOSIVES CASE.

POSSESSION OF CHEMICAL CHARGES.

CLERK CONVICTED.

The case against Mohamed Rajab Sallah, a clerk in the Ordnance Office, was concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday. The charges were:

(a) With being in possession of an explosive substance known as sulphide of arsenic and potassium chlorate, for other than a lawful object; (b) with possession of sulphide of arsenic; (c) with possession of a poison, namely chloroform; (d) with possession of 6½ ounces of sulphide of arsenic; (e) with possession of dangerous goods, namely 6½ ounces of potassium chlorate.

In the course of his address for the defence, Mr. A. P. Arculli touched on defendant's long service in the Naval Ordnance Depot and assistance given as a police reservist. He submitted that defendant acted quite openly in making the purchases of chemicals and made no attempt to conceal anything. Mr. Arculli then went on

HOME TURF.

ACCEPTANCES FOR EPSOM DERBY.

THIRTY LEFT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 27. Of an original entry of 305 for this year's Derby the acceptances number 30 and are as follows: Apple Sammy, Lanchover, Legros, Le Taciturno, Lox, Lulworth Cove, Macanudo, Pantora, Pixbury, Review Order, Rone Hearty, St. Mary's Kirk, Simon the Beggar, Swift and Sure, Harpagon, Tenacity, Warming, Lancashire, Latest Betting.

London, May 27. Latest betting on the Derby is: Colorado 5/2, Coronach 5/1, Lex 10/1, Swift and Sure 100/3, Flinglass 26/1. [All taken and offered.]

BOWLS.

By "Skip."

The following are the fixtures in the League for to-morrow:

First Division. Police R.C. v. Civil Service C.C. Craigengower v. Kowloon B.G.C. Talkoo R.C. v. Kowloon Dock R.C. Second Division. Indian Recreation Club v. Talkoo R.C. Kowloon C.C. v. R.H.K. Yacht Club. Civil Service C.C. v. Club de Recreo. East Point R.C. v. Craigengower C.C.

All games are to be played on the ground of the first named and start at 3.30 p.m. unless otherwise arranged.

It seemed a pity that all games but one were postponed last week, it was evident that had some of the clubs waited a while before putting the game off, things would have looked better.

It would appear that a ruling from the Association re the postponing of fixtures seems necessary, at present there is no hard and fast rule on the matter, and some uniformity of action when necessary seems very advisable.

In my opinion no games should be cancelled or put off, before twelve o'clock on the day of playing, for it is a well-known fact that, as a rule, two hours of dry weather will put a green into playing order, without any chance of spoiling it.

Last week the Police lost to the Craigengower by a solitary shot, and probably deserved to, for at one time they had a very substantial lead and a little careful play, would comfortably have secured the game for them. In this connection only one rink is to be blamed for allowing their opponents to score ten points in three heads, and thereby turning a substantial lead into a deficit.

It was evident that being left with the result of the game into

THE AUSTRALIANS.

SECOND DAY'S PLAY AGAINST "SOUTH."

BIG PARTNERSHIP.

(Reuter's Service.)

Bristol, May 27. Second day of match, South of England v. Australians. Weather dull, wicket easy, large crowd.

[Position at start:—South of England (1st) 211 runs. Australians (1st) 35 runs for 1 wicket.] At lunch the Australians were 131 runs for 4 wickets, and later on 151 for 6. At this stage T. J. E. Andrews and J. Ryder became associated in an undefeated partnership, which defied the bowling until the rain came on at 5.30 p.m. when there was no further play.

Andrews was 74 not out and Ryder 108 not out. They added 177 runs between them. Australia's score at the close, was 328 runs for 6 wickets.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

TO-MORROW'S LOCAL FIXTURES.

Weather permitting, the following games in the local tennis league have been arranged for to-morrow. The home team is given first in each case:

Division A. University v. Chinese R.C. Kowloon C.C. v. U.S.R.C. Division B. C.R.C. v. Club de Recreo. U.S.R.C. v. Kowloon C.C. Hongkong C.C. v. M.B.K. Netherlands T.C. v. I.R.C. Division C. Craigengower C.C. v. Talkoo. Kowloon C.C. v. Chinese R.C. Club de Recreo v. H.K.C.C. "H.K.C.C." v. M.B.K.

The following have been selected to play for the Cricket Club "B" team to-morrow May 29 at 4.15 p.m. against the M.B.K. on the H.K.C.C. ground:—W. A. Nowers and L. Baines; L. M. S. Lloyd and A. K. Mackenzie; Capt. H. F. Bloxham and E. J. R. Mitchell.

their hands was too much for them, more especially the two principals who are at least expected to try and pull the game out of the fire. It is no use losing heart because it seems impossible to get in with a wood.

As I remarked last week the composition of the teams needs readjusting, the players are all right, but are in wrong positions, and unless a change is made to-morrow, they will find the Civil Service a very hard nut to crack.

Entries for the Open Championship of the Colony close to the Hon. Secretary of the Association on Monday next the 31st.

K.E.G.C.

The following is the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's team to-morrow against Craigengower Cricket Club:—Hazel, Hatt, Holland, and Whibley (skip).

Nish, Eagles, MacLachlan, and W. Macfarlane (skip).

Dobbie, Pearman, Clough and Farrell (skip).

Continuing, Mr. Lindsell said: As regards the other charges, it seems to me that your argument Mr. Arculli as to a guilty mind is practically beside the point, because if I believe the prosecution there is abundant evidence of a guilty mind. It is a question as to whether I believe the prosecution or the defence.

Mr. Arculli: The onus of proof is on them as regards the sale to strike pickets.

Mr. Lindsell: I convict the defendant on charges A, B, C and E. On charge A he will go to prison for six months with hard labour; on charge B for three months with hard labour; the sentences to run consecutively; and on charges C and E for three months each with hard labour; the sentences to run concurrently—nine months in all.

Mr. Arculli: Without the option, your Worship?

Mr. Lindsell: I don't think this is a case for a fine.

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WAH YAN COLLEGE.

NEW VOLUME OF THE DIAMOND MAGAZINE.

MAKING OF GOOD CITIZENS.

Printed by the Newspaper Enterprise, Limited, in both English and Chinese, "The Diamond," the magazine of the Wah Yan College has reached No. 1 of Volume II.

Besides the editorial by Mrs. A. Ethne Matthews, who succeeds Mr. Lim Hoy Lan, there are eleven articles and reports. These include "A Little Advice to Hongkong Chinese Students," Mr. Peter Tsui's Report for 1925; and "The Late Mr. Lau Po."

College Changes.

The editorial states, in part:—In June, 1924, was started our school magazine under the able editorship of Mr. Lim Hoy Lan, who we very much regret has had to vacate his honorary post owing to pressure of new duties as our Headmaster.

To Mr. Peter Tsui, now our Director, we would assure our good-will and loyal support, for we are certain that when the history of Wah Yan College comes to be written, in it will not be forgotten the great debt parents and boys owe to him. We are glad that we shall still be able to avail ourselves of his kindly help, sympathy, and experience.

Mr. Tsui relinquished his post as he lives in New Territory and finds that he cannot be at the School before 9 a.m. Secondly, by delegating part of his duties—those relating to studies—to Mr. Lim, Mr. Tsui is able to supervise the work of the Branch School at Yau-mai.

We, the Staff, extend to Mr. Lim our good wishes that under his government Wah Yan will go on prospering. With us, we are sure every Wahyanite concurs and will so strive to play the game that when they go out they may "fling the torch" that has been lit with no uncertain hand to those who succeed, to be borne aloft by them.

Mr. Lim in his work with us has shown himself to be conscientious and ever ready to sacrifice himself for the benefit of the boys. Which boy of Classes 1, 2 and 3 does not know the neat and painstaking red ink corrections in his exercise books signed with the initials L.H.L.?

Out of the 14 candidates presented for the Matriculation, 8 passed and 1 obtained the Senior Local Certificate.

Chung Hok Nung obtained distinction in Physics and was awarded the Government Educational Scholarship. He is now in the Hongkong University and we wish him every success. Sung Shou Tin and Yung Kai Yin obtained distinctions in Trigonometry and History respectively. They were both offered the Hewitt Memorial Scholarship, but both were unable to accept it on account of conditions attached to it.

In the Junior Local we had 11 pages out of 17; Wong Tso Fun obtained distinction in Arithmetic; Hin-Seung-Yik, in Mathematics; and Woon Ten Fook, in English.

We have no wish to come into the limelight for the sake of advertisement but we feel that Wah Yan is not only succeeding in examinations, which are after all very minor affairs even in the little world of school; but Wah Yan is trying to instill into the minds of the youth of China a right attitude to life, for after all, what a man thinks that he becomes; and if we can produce a few good citizens we have not laboured in vain but have made use of the opportunities which were fraught with such possibilities.

To "new" boys we extend a hearty welcome and though we do not wish them to forget their "old" schools we hope they will soon feel at home and learn to love Wah Yan and regard her as their guide to the attainment of knowledge and progress.

We are glad to welcome back our old friends Mr. Lo Sek Tean, Mr. Lui Sun Ju both with degrees from our local "Institute of Learning," Mr. Wong Tuen Po, Mr. Wong Luen She and Mr. Yet Shiu Chuen.

In January the boys attended a Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mr. Lau Po, one of the original founders of our College. Mr. Lau is remembered by some boys still in Wah Yan and his name is a household word to thousands of Chinese who were brought to the knowledge of their Master by his teaching and example. "They rest from their labours but their works do follow them, so that they being dead yet speak."

Our branch or "feeder" in Yau-mai is doing well and has now about 180 boys.

Lawlessness has not its source in the law and in prohibition. —Monsignor Cassidy.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

SIMPLE COFFIN OF OAK AND SILVER.

TRIBUTES TO CHATER.

Fully choral, the funeral service to Sir Paul Chater was held at St. John's Cathedral yesterday evening.

The coffin—a simple one of plain oak and silver—was carried in to the toll of a bell.

The Bishop of Victoria (Dr. C. R. Duppuy) was assisted by the Revs. V. H. Copley Moyle, G. R. Lindsay, W. T. Featherstone, G. T. Walckgrave and Halward. Mr. F. Mason was at the organ.

Amongst those present were Mr. J. T. Bagram (nephew of Sir Paul) and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton as chief mourners. H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Miss Innes, Vice-Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander-Sinclair, Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Crassey, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (C.S.P.), the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Lieut.-Col. F. S. Montague Bates (acting G.O.C.), the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southey (Colonial Secretary), Mr. S. B. E. McElderry, Sir Henry Gollan (the Chief Justice), Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Mr. D. W. Trautman, Members of the Consular Body, Messrs. R. C. Tredwell (Consul-General for America), J. M. Alves (Brazil), A. L. C. de Albuquerque (Portugal), M. J. Quist (Netherlands), S. Berg (Norway), Y. Murakami (Japan), E. W. Hamilton, R. M. Dyer, C. H. Blason, J. Fleming, L. J. Blackman, T. H. King (D.C.I.), R. Sutherland, F. H. Crappell, The ushers were Lt.-Col. T. A. Robertson, Messrs. W. Jackson, P. H. Cassidy, W. L. Pattenden, J. Owen-Hughes, H. P. White and S. K. White.

Most of those who attended the Cathedral service were also present at the interment at the cemetery. The local Freemason lodges which were represented were the Zetland, Victoria, Perseverance, United Service, University, Bothen, Concordia, Perceptory and Priory, (Knights Templars), St. Mary Magdalene, (Rose Croix), the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, (Scottish Division), the Lodge of Eastern Scotland, the Lodge of St. John, and the Naval and Military Lodge.

Amongst the freemasons present were Bro. J. M. McHutchison, (D.S.G.W.), Bro. C. G. Alabaster, (D.G.D. of C.), P. Tester (P.D.G.S.W.), C. D. Melbourne, (P.D.G.S.W.), I. W. C. Bonnar, (P.D.G.S.W.), A. W. Hill, and James M. McLeod, Messrs. T. T. Laurensen (President), R. J. Hunt (Secretary), H. J. Pearce (Vice-President), and J. A. Gordon Leask (Chairman), representing the Esma Club.

[Dr. Black, Grand Master of the Scottish Lodges was unable to be present owing to indisposition.]

FLORAL TRIBUTES.

Buried with the coffin was a wreath from the widow (Lady Chater).

Floral tributes were sent by:—H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi, the Legislative Council, the Executive Council, The Audit Department, the British Legion, the Consular Body, the University of Hongkong, the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, the Public Works Department, the French Consul (Mr. G. D. de la Prade), the D.G.M. Officers and Brethren of the District Grand Lodge, Hongkong and South China, the Companions of the District Grand Royal Arch Chapter E.C., the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China E.C., the Perseverance Lodge, 1155 E.C., the Victoria Chapter No. 525

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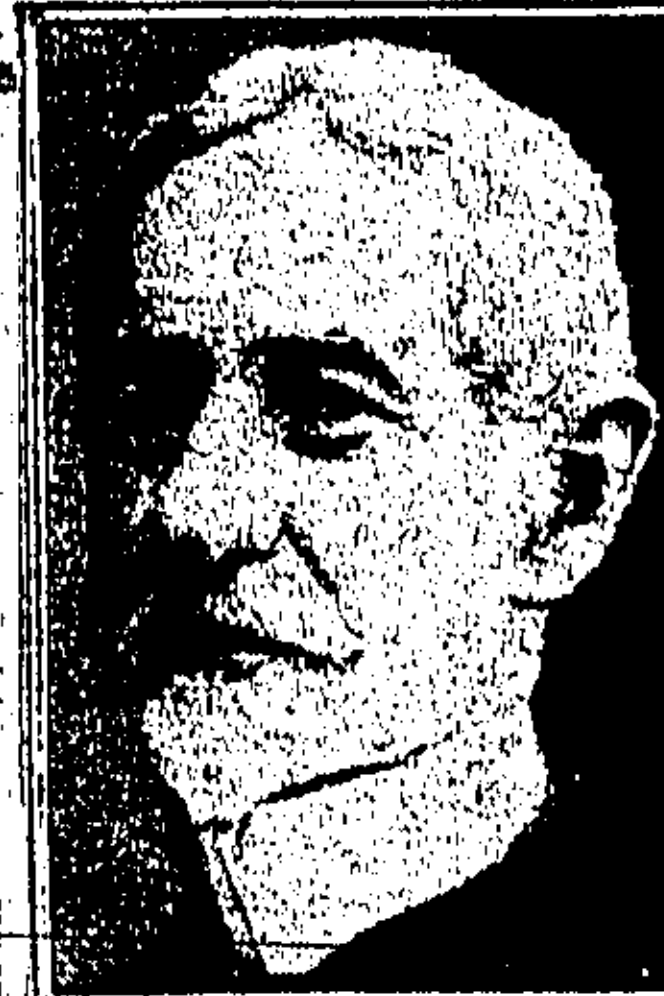
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Mr. Carmi Thompson, of Ohio, has been appointed by President Coolidge to make an investigation of economic conditions in the Philippines. M. Alexander Averescu is the new Premier of Roumania. Mrs. Jacob Bauer became a candidate for Congress in Chicago on a wet platform. Friends of Governor Vic Donahey, of Ohio, have arranged to make him "favourite son" candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination.



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FRANCES HEENAN

Mr. Edward W. Browning, millionaire, has hired detectives to find out who threw acid in the face of Mrs. Frances Heenan, the latest beneficiary in his campaign to give young girls the luxuries his money makes possible.



Clad from head to feet in white, Mrs. Coolidge was probably the most striking figure in the First Congregational Church of Washington, where the President and First Lady attended Easter services. They are shown leaving the church.

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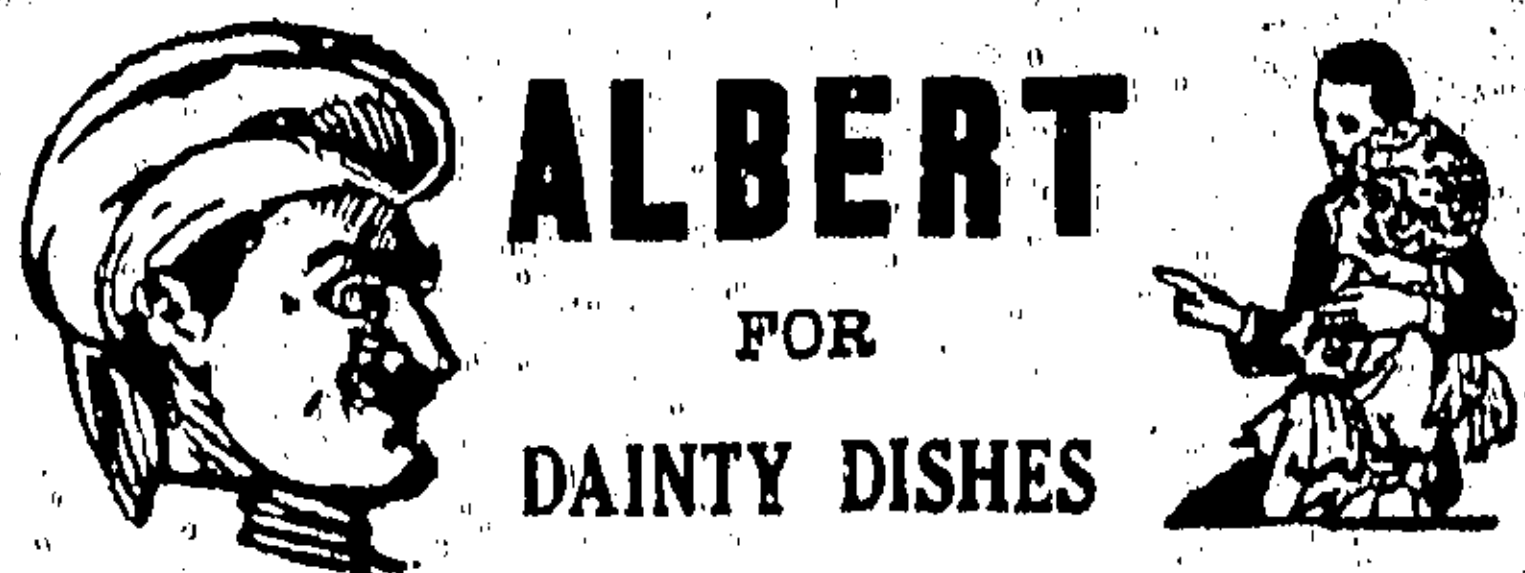
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BRIEF BUT GOOD FOR 1925.

The following are extracts from the report of the General Post Office, Hongkong, for the year 1925.

Staff.
 Two new appointments of assistants superintendent of mails were created on March 1, and Mr. T. M. Perpetuo, inspector of postmen, and Mr. T. Lay, supervisor, were promoted thereto. Mr. D. J. M. Fernandez, transferred from the Public Works Department, succeeded Mr. Perpetuo as inspector of postmen on April 21. The subordinate staff establishment of this Department was increased by the appointment of one additional Class VI shroff.

During the year changes amongst the clerical staff were one pensioned one deceased and three resigned.

The general labour unrest in June affected the postal staff and 36 Chinese Clerks (under ten years' Service) and 170 postmen absented themselves from duty, 5 of the former and 46 of the latter returned to duty during the year. The defaulters have been replaced by 12 clerks transferred from the Imports and Exports Office and by men engaged subsequently.

Mails.

The number of mail receptacles of Hongkong origin dispatched during the year was 32,044 as compared with 37,179 in 1924—a decrease of 5,135.

Receptacles in transit which were handled numbered 121,343 as against 144,541 in 1924—a decrease of 23,198.

4,422 steamers carrying mails arrived and 6,300 left, a decrease of 1,416 and 3,002 under the previous year's figures.

Registered Articles and Parcels.
 The number of registered articles handled amounted to 887,681 as compared with 851,973 in 1924—an increase of 35,688.

The figures for insured articles were 15,327 and 13,905 respectively—an increase of 1,421.

Parcels, ordinary and insured, which were dealt with reached a total of 397,729 as against 396,135 in 1924—an increase of 1,594.

Negotiations are now being conducted with the Canadian Postal Administration for the extension of the insured parcel service to that country, and it is hoped that the agreement for the exchange of insured parcels between Hongkong and Canada will come into force in 1926.

Revenue and Expenditure.
 The total revenue from the postal service in 1925 amounted to \$644,066.67 a decrease on the previous year of \$110,861.59. The expenditure for 1925 amounted to \$284,419.66, or \$14,851.60, in

excess of the previous year. The balance of revenue over expenditure amounted to \$359,647.01. The decrease of Revenue from the sale of postage stamps in the year 1925 as compared with that of the year 1924 was \$105,373.09. Money Orders.

The result of the year's Money Order transactions must be considered satisfactory as it shows a net increase of \$608.00 notwithstanding adverse political conditions and loss of business through the discontinuance of the Straits Settlements Money Order transactions with China, through the intermediary of Hongkong. The former Administration arranged as from April 1 to conduct direct transactions with China.

There have been a small decrease in the transactions of Postal Orders, viz: \$222,000, and \$235,000, respectively in the issues and payments of British, and \$1,725.00 in Local Orders.

Chinese Delivery Section.
 During the year this section handled 2,654,170 ordinary letters, 130,907 other articles, and 8,922 postal hong packets as against 2,816,938 ordinary letters, 123,161 other articles and 8,908 postal hong packets in 1924.

The registered articles delivered amounted to 264,697 of which 115,990 were from the United States and Canada, and 148,707 from China and other countries showing a decrease of 20,375 as compared with 285,073 in 1924.

4,412 insured letters were dealt with as against 3,903 in 1924. The total number of Chinese private boxes for which licences were issued during the year was 351, a decrease of 5 as compared with 356 in 1924.

The licences of 27 Chinese postal hongs were renewed, the same number as in 1924.

Labour troubles in June caused a temporary suspension of the postal delivery service. Pending the restoration of the delivery staff to normal, a delivery service was conducted by the postal hongs in the central districts and the District Watchmen's Committees in the outlying districts.

Miscellaneous.

During the year the parcel agreement with Great Britain was extended to provide for the exchange of parcels up to 22 lbs. in weight. Hitherto the maximum limit of weight had been fixed at 11 lbs. Similar extensions in respect of parcels exchange with other administrations are planned. The insured letter box service, as distinct from that for letters, came into operation on January 1, 1926. By means of this new service articles of gold and silver, precious stones, jewellery and other articles of a like nature, which are prohibited from transmission in insured letters, may now be sent in the letter mails. Hitherto such articles were transmissible by insured parcel post only.

ENGAGEMENTS.

MISS EVELINE LEE AND MR. P. C. SUNG.

Of considerable interest to the Chinese community is the announcement of the forthcoming marriage of Eveline Lee and Paul C. Sung.

Miss Lee is the daughter of Mr. Lee Mong-kow, whose name is so popular in Canada and with the Canadian Pacific services.

Mr. Sung is on the staff of the Bank of Canton, Ltd.

A dance was held at Lee Garden, East Point, to announce the engagement, a large attendance enjoying an excellent programme in that Chinese amusement park.

THE "QUAINTS."

A very appreciative house thoroughly enjoyed the variety programme offered by Mr. R. B. Salisbury's "Quaints" at the Queen's Theatre last night.

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This department was involved in the labour unrest which became acute in June. The defection of 36 junior clerks and 170 postmen as well as the dislocation of shipping services made the task of maintaining postal services a difficult one. By taking on volunteer workers on counter duties and by the ready assistance of school boys from the Kowloon British School and St. Joseph's College in the Sorting Department all difficulties were speedily overcome and full services were maintained without interruption with the exception of the domestic delivery service which had for a short period to be suspended. The staff was, however, rapidly adjusted and normal conditions restored.

The revenue collected by this department during the year from radio-telegrams amounted to \$80,342.69, an increase of \$20,846.28 on the amount collected in 1924. Advances of vessels signalled at the lighthouses yielded \$306.20 and semaphore messages \$28.95.

The number of radio-telegrams forwarded during the year was 10,524 consisting of 122,914 words against 11,270 with 107,771 words in 1924, and 13,180 were received consisting of 175,726 words as against 12,628 with 142,325 words in 1924.

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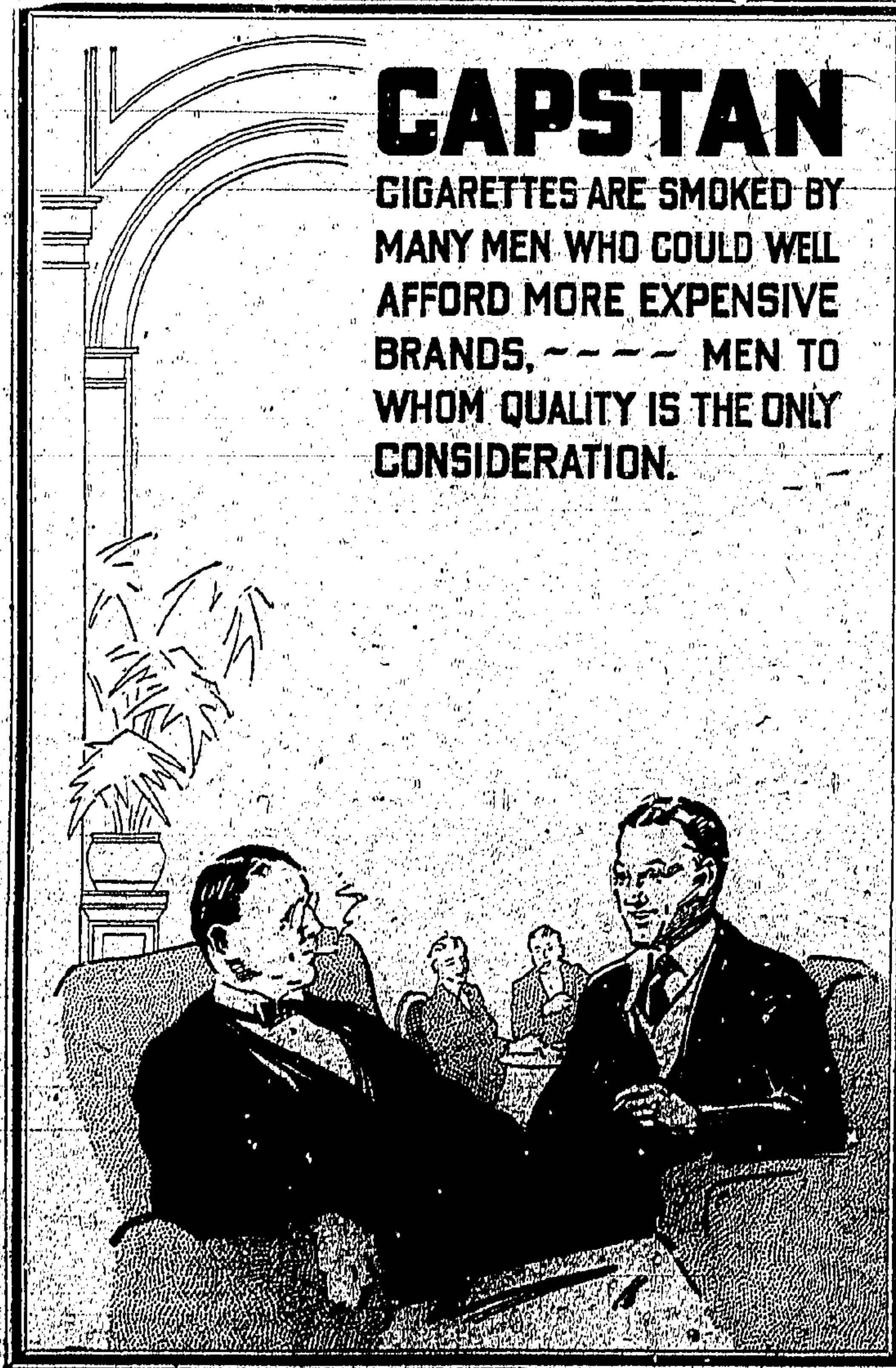
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Brethren of the Scottish Lodges wishing to attend with meet in Zetland Hall at 5.30 p.m.
By Order of the District Grand Master,
A. W. HILL,
District Grand Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th May, 1926.

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INTERPORT CRICKET.

(Continued from Page 1.)

1912: Hongkong 417 beat Shanghai 200 and 181.
1914: Shanghai 199 and 191 beat Hongkong 166 and 124.
1920: Hongkong 279 and 79 for 4 beat Shanghai 166 and 189.
Malaya 256 and 99 beat Hongkong 161 and 169. Shanghai 324 beat Malaya 117 and 66.
1924: Hongkong 159 and 149 for 8 beat Malaya 147 and 157. Shanghai 119 and 284 beat Malaya 208 and 106. Hongkong 220 beat Shanghai 109 and 106.
Malaya at its Strongest.
It will be seen that of the ten matches played between Malaya and Hongkong each side has won five, and that Malaya have won two and lost three of the matches played against Shanghai. Malaya's superiority was very pronounced in 1897, when they defeated Hongkong and Shanghai in separate matches by more than an innings, and followed these successes up by an innings victory over a combined Hongkong and Shanghai side. In the match against Hongkong C. G. Glassford, who opened the Malaya innings with M. H. Whitley, the present Attorney General, scored 110, and later in the innings G. P. Stevens contributed 101 and H. L. Talbot, who captained the side, 81. M. Mackenzie took 12 wickets for 112 runs in that match, and Whitley, during 24 overs, 14 of which were maidens, captured 4 second innings wickets for 47. Mackenzie also played a large part in Malaya's victory over the combined side, for after knocking up 168 out of a total of 281, he took 4 wickets for 48 and 4 for 89. With Whitley capturing 4 for 18 in the first innings and J. G. McTaggart 2 for 12 in the first and 6 for 29 in the second, the China XI was dismissed for 86 and 64.

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Recent Matches.
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Holmes Brown, who headed the Malayan batting averages in the 1920 visit, and Greiner, were members of the side which visited Hongkong in 1924, the other players being Flight Lieut. Livock, Brand, R. T. Foster, Lieut. Phayre, E. N. Knight, W. N. Edwards, N. H. T. Whitley, Steven, and Lieut. Thompson. Of these Holmes Brown, Foster, Brand, Phayre and Livock did well with the bat, while Lieutenant Thompson, of the Middlesex Regt., was the most successful of the visiting bowlers.
The Hongkong players who are coming to this country next week include the Rev. Mr. Powell, A. C. I. Bowker and E. B. Reed, the bowlers who shared the Hongkong attack against Malaya two years ago. A. W. Ramsay, R. Hancock, who captained the 1920 side, and C. Q. M. S. Stripp were also members of the Hongkong side which won the tournament in 1924.

FOR CHARITY.
LOCAL POLICE GRANTS SANCTIONED.

TWO ITEMS.
Arising out of unforeseen circumstances it has been necessary to make a grant to a former Hongkong police sergeant, and to the relatives of another member of the Force who recently died.
The items came up at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council (Finance Committee). The votes and footnotes are self-explanatory, and read:—
Special grant for medical treatment, P. S. J. Robertson, \$1,850.
Sergeant Robertson, M.K.P., was seriously wounded in a fight with armed robbers in December, 1923. His recovery was retarded by the development of tuberculosis, and it became necessary to invalid him out of the service. He was granted the maximum pension for which he was eligible under the rules, \$126.13.4 annuum. In addition Government has contributed towards the cost of his treatment in the Grampian Sanatorium. The cost of this treatment for the year 1925 is estimated at £200 and a vote for the equivalent of this sum is requested.
Gratuity to widow of late Mr. A. Reid, secretary, Police Headquarters.—Mr. A. Reid died very suddenly at the age of 32, leaving a widow and two young children. A pension of \$54.0.4, together with a 25 p.c. temporary increase of \$16.0.1, making in all \$80.0.5 per annum, is payable under the Widows and Orphans Pensions Ordinance, and the widow has no other income. It is recommended that a grant equivalent to one year's salary, \$270, may be made for the benefit of the widow and children in view of the particular hardship of the case.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Kobe yesterday at 5.30 p.m. left Kobe to-day at 6 a.m. and is due at Woosung on May 30 at 1 p.m.

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INDIAN'S CHASE.
Smuggling opium from Amoy provided another case at the Central Magistracy this morning when a Chinese stoker on the s.s. "Sheung Mi" was charged with possession of 70 taels of prepared (illicit) opium, valued at \$550. Defendant was caught at the Yuen On wharf.
To a question from Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the Magistrate, Chief Preventive Officer, S. J. Clarke agreed that a lot of smuggling from Amoy was going on. Defendant was fined \$5,000, or six months' hard labour.

Firewood Hunters.
In a chase of about ten Chinese who were found carrying away cut pine wood from the forest near Stanley Road in the Shaukin wan district yesterday, an Indian constable had a fall and sprained his wrist.

The constable appeared before the Magistrate with his arm in a sling when four men and a woman who were caught were charged with joint possession of over 13 piculs of wood.
The first defendant—an old offender—was fined \$100, or two months' hard labour, and the others were fined \$50, or four weeks' hard labour.

No Muzzles.
A number of dog owners were fined \$3 each at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for failing to have their animals muzzled.
Mr. D. O. de Silva, who was one of those summoned and fined, claimed that his dog was provided with a muzzle but had managed to get rid of it.

ERUPTION DAMAGE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, May 27.
The latest news from Hokkaido says the eruption destroyed over twelve miles of the Furano River and five miles of the Kamibetou River, 33 bridges, 730 houses, a mile and a half of railway, and three miles of roads. The damage is estimated at 8 1/2 million yen.
In addition several hundred houses were submerged, and seriously damaged, whilst there was much destruction to paddy fields, farm lands and also to a sulphur mine, from which 25 bodies have been recovered.